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ISOLATED ACTIONS ON VARIOUS FRONTS

Predictions of Universal Truce
During the Christmas Season Upset

BULGARIANS PREPARING TO CROSS INTO GREECE

Allied Forces Engaged in
Strengthening Positions
in Salonica

London, Dec. 24.—Many isolated engagements on various fronts have upset predictions of a universal Christmas truce. Nothing of great importance, however, has developed.

From Galicia the Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembowla, where there has been an indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines. Although no activity is reported on the Mesopotamia front, the Russians are advancing steadily in Persia in an effort to link their forces with those of their British allies.

On Hartmann's-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges, the French have maintained their gains on a front of one mile, but admit that their left has been compelled to fall back. The Germans state they have retaken the lost ridge, with the capture of a large number of prisoners.

Bulgarians Preparing.

Special dispatches to London state that the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greek territory in an effort to expel the allies from Salonica. The entente forces are engaged in strengthening their positions and express confidence that there is no immediate prospect of an offensive against them.

Parliament adjourned without receiving the figures concerning the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan, but on re-assembling after the holidays the members will have the facts in regard to the question whether conscription is necessary.

POSITIONS IN THE BALKAN THEATRE

How the Armies Are Disposed;
Austrians Repulsed by
Montenegrins

Paris, Dec. 24.—The battlefronts of both sides in the conflict in the Balkan theatre of war are given in a dispatch from the Saigon correspondent of the Echo de Paris.

The correspondent states that 60,000 Germans are massed around Monastir, with the Bulgarians concentrated in the centre of the Vardar valley and two Turkish divisions in position on the left of the Bulgarians. The French are ranged in a semi-circle around Salonica, with their left on the Vardar, facing the Greek frontier near Doiran, and their right connecting with the British troops defending Chalcidice.

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SAID SULTAN SELIM DISABLED; MIDULLU SUNK BY RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 24.—Russian warships have sunk the Turkish cruiser Midullu and disabled the battle-cruiser Sultan Selim, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Athens.

The Midullu formerly was the German cruiser Breslau and the Sultan Selim formerly was the German battle-cruiser Goeben.

CHRISTMAS MORNING IN BELGIUM



WASHINGTON GOVT. WILL INVESTIGATE

Consular Agents Will Secure
Affidavits Regarding Sinking
of Yasaka Maru

Washington, Dec. 24.—The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean, reported torpedoed by a submarine without warning, will be made the subject of an inquiry by the United States. Consular agents will be asked to obtain accurate versions of the incident and forward them without delay to the state department.

Should the department's investigation establish the truth of reports that the liner was sunk without warning by an Austrian submarine, it is said further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary will ensue, in which the entire method of conducting submarine warfare will be discussed and demands will be made by the United States for the abandonment of the practice of sinking ships without warning.

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STEAMSHIP THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 24.—The British steamship Moor is missing and is believed to have been torpedoed, according to advices received here to-day. The fate of the crew is not known.

CANADIANS AT FRONT SEND GREETINGS TO SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Sir Robert Borden to-day received the following message from the Canadian headquarters at the front:

"All ranks Canadians at front send heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. (Signed) CANADIAN CORPS."

GERMAN MACHINE IS GOING TO PIECES

Demoralization of Services Between Germany and Holland an Indication

New York, Dec. 24.—The New York Evening Telegram says:

Is the great German machine going to pieces? That it is breaking is believed in Holland, where for some weeks there has been progressive deterioration in the public services between Germany and Holland, and business relations have been delayed and confused, and in some cases abandoned altogether in consequence.

No more Cologne and Frankfort newspapers reach Holland, and for two weeks there has been a complete breakdown in telegraph and postal service. Absolutely safe business telegrams handed to officials in Germany the end of November are now reaching Holland weeks after letters, while very late, are in many cases uncensored, while travelers report a new, unusual and unaccountable nervousness displayed by officials with whom they have to deal when entering or leaving Germany.

In face of this unsatisfactory service the German government entered objection to the American couriers engaged in carrying diplomatic correspondence between Ambassadors Page in London and Gerard in Berlin, and the mail a Dutch steamer now being utilized.

Although full details have not been received, it would appear that he made his departure secretly and that most of the peace delegates at the time he left Christiania for Stockholm were ignorant of the fact that he was not to go on with them. On Christiania dispatch said Mr. Ford had boarded a train from Christiania for Bergen yesterday at about the time his former associates were leaving for Stockholm. It was said Mr. Ford's sudden departure was due to the fact that his physician had ordered him to rest.

It is the beginning of the end?

GERMAN SUBMARINE SANK YASAKA MARU

Rome, Dec. 24.—News reports from Egypt concerning the sinking of the Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru by a submarine in the eastern Mediterranean last Tuesday refer to the nationality of the submarine as German.

CHRISTMAS HERE BUT MEN IN TRENCHES

Henry Ford's Motto Was "Out
of the Trenches by
Christmas"

New York, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford's departure from Europe for the United States apparently marks the termination, in its original form, of the most novel of the many movements which have been undertaken to bring about the ending of the war. Mr. Ford's announcement that the Women's International Peace association henceforth would conduct the expedition would seem to indicate that, so far as he personally is concerned, he will relinquish the self-imposed task which he expressed in the phrase: "Out of the trenches by Christmas."

It has not been made clear, however, whether Mr. Ford will continue to give financial support to the enterprise.

The Women's International Peace association has been in existence for some time. It held a congress at The Hague last spring and appointed delegates to visit the capitals of various European and American nations. One of the most prominent women at the congress was Mrs. Rosika Schwimmer, president of the Hungarian Woman Suffrage association, and now a member of the Ford party. After the congress at The Hague, Mrs. Schwimmer came to the United States to continue her work for peace. She went to Detroit to see Mr. Ford, and it was reported it was she who suggested to him the idea of the peace expedition.

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Before the peace ship Oscar II reached the other side there were reports of dissension among the peace delegates. When Mr. Ford reached Christiania he kept in the background, it being said he was ill. It was not until last night, however, that the unconfirmed report that he had quit the party reached this country.

Dissension.

The Persian general, however, is said to have become so badly frightened at the prospect of falling into the hands of the British that he buried his resplendent uniform on a lonely South Sea island.

DETAINED AT MALTA.

London, Dec. 21.—Delayed by Genoa—A dispatch to Lloyds from Malta says that the American-Levant steamship Montana has been detained there.

BURIED UNIFORM ON SOUTH SEA ISLAND

Persian General Sailed From San Francisco to Foment Revolution in India

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Depending on a demurral, argument and decisions as legal ammunition, the three indicted German bomb conspirators and their two attorneys appeared before Federal Judge Dooling for the third time to day to plead, and launched their combined efforts against the two indictments which are hanging over them.

The three defendants are Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general here; Charles Carlos Crowley secret service man and alleged head of the conspirators in a nation-wide plot to wreck ammunition plants and supply ships, and his secretary, Mrs. Margaret Cornell, who is alleged to have written incriminating letters for Crowley to some of his helpers.

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THOS. DUNN, VANCOUVER PIONEER MERCHANT, DEAD

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Thomas Dunn, a pioneer hardware merchant of Vancouver, died yesterday in California.

HUGHES AT LINDSAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, who has been confined to his bed since suffering from grippe, was able to be at his office this morning. He leaves to-night to spend Christmas at his home in Lindsay.

FORD IS THROUGH; ON HIS WAY HOME

Placed Expedition Under Care
of Women's International
Peace Association

FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY HEADWAY

Worried by Dissensions in
Party; Committee of Leaders
Appointed

Christiania, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian liner Bergensfjord, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace association.

Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

Before leaving Christiania for Bergen, Mr. Ford wrote out the following statement for the press:

"I am satisfied with what has been accomplished in Christiania. Peace has been given publicity. The newspapers have power to end the war, for it is through publicity that the gospel of peace is spread.

"Norway is like every other country. The people are all right."

In announcing at Bergen the circumstances under which the expedition would be continued, Mr. Ford said a committee had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver; Rev. Dr. John Lloyd Jones, of Chicago; John D. Barry, of San Francisco; Lieut-Governor Andrew J. Bethea, of South Carolina, and Louis Lochner, of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

The Christiania newspapers say that in view of Mr. Ford's departure no prominent Norwegians will join the expedition.

Headway Impossible.

London, Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"Before leaving, Henry Ford gave a cheque for \$270,000 to finance the expedition.

"He left because he recognized that it was impossible to make headway. His party was always at loggerheads and Scandinavian pacifists adopted an attitude of reserve. When Mr. Ford found all official doors closed, he broke down."

Surprise in Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Although Mrs. Henry Ford could not be communicated with this forenoon, those close to the family expressed great surprise at Mr. Ford's return home. His private secretary here said no cablegrams had been received by the family announcing Mr. Ford's new plans.

Hughes's Christmas Message to Soldiers

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes has sent the following Christmas message:

"To all my fellow-Canadian soldiers overseas and at home:

"Kindly permit me to wish one and all a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. The gallant conduct of those at the front has for ever made the name of Canada immortal. The splendid lads in Britain and elsewhere are keen to add to that immortality. Their example, devotion and sacrifice for king, country and liberty will go down through the ages. My heart is with you all."

(Signed) SAM HUGHES."

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH MURDER

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Math, in an editorial to-day on the latest note sent to Austria-Hungary by the United States, referred to the sinking of the liner Ancon by an Austrian submarine.

The submarine commander, having been declared not responsible, the government is indicted for murder in his place, and if that government does not give full satisfaction it must be treated as a murderer. This language can signify nothing less than a rupture of diplomatic relations unless the demands of the United States are complied with."

Gounaris and Ministers.

The correspondent says that he also was received by M. Gounaris and the other ministers, who maintained that the elections were conducted in a free and open manner and that the number of abstentions was normal.

The Athens correspondent of the Hayas Agency has the following to say concerning the political situation in Greece:

"When parliament reassembles states of siege probably will be voted in order to stop the merciless attacks upon the government's policy. M. Gounaris insists that the present cabinet remain, but unless the situation changes through the king's intervention, a reconstruction of the cabinet probably will occur."

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EDITOR OF COURIER IN UNIFORM AGAIN

Capt. John A. Cooper, Toronto, Has Offered Services Wherever Required

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Captain John A. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Courier, and head of the Courier Press Limited, publishers, has gone back on the active list of officers, with his old regiment, the Queen's Own. Capt. Cooper retired with the rank of captain in 1912, having been attached to the Queen's Own Rifles ever since the days of the old "K" company at the University in 1890. He was in this company under Captain Rennie, now brigadier-general of the Fourth Canadian Brigade at the front, when "K" Company was transferred from the University to the city. General Mercer also was a "K" Company man, though previous to Captain Cooper's time. There are six officers living who were in "K" Company with Captain Cooper when the transfer was made from the University.

When the call came for retired officers to help with the training of recruits, Captain Cooper rejoined the Queen's Own. He helped the work of recruiting the 14th Battalion in Haldimand. He has placed himself at the disposal of the authorities for whatever service the occasion seems to demand.

Hundreds of the prisoners were lined up at the camp post office receiving Christmas presents from Germany when the correspondents visited the camp. They are privileged to write letters every two weeks and to receive an unlimited number of packages from Germany.

The majority of the prisoners are housed comfortably in substantial huts. The officers, by rare coincidence, are quartered in the same barracks occupied by a Hanoverian regiment a century ago when Hanover was an ally of Britain.

The correspondents were permitted to converse with the prisoners out of hearing of the British officers. None of the dozens of Germans with whom the writer conversed complained seriously of his treatment, though there was a noticeable undercurrent of hatred towards Britain. Most of the prisoners, however, spoke favorably of the British commandant.

German cooks prepare the prison

bill of fare. The government sees to it that those who came into camp not well clothed are fitted out.

ONLY EIGHT SENTRIES FOR 3,000 PRISONERS

Correspondents Visited Dorchester Camp, Where British Keep Germans

London, Dec. 24.—Eight British sentries were the only guards at the Dorchester war prisoners' camp, where over 3,000 German privates and non-commissioned officers are interned, when a party of correspondents visited the camp. But they were strongly reinforced by a double fence of barbed wire, completely surrounding the enclosure.

Among the German prisoners were 1,000 captured in the British stroke at Loos in September, and several hundred from the army of the German crown prince in the Argonne. Assistant Major W. C. Bulkeley, the British commandant, is a German sergeant-major from Alsace, also captured in the Argonne.

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MERCIER FORCED TO MAKE FRESH APPEAL

Cardinal Expresses Gratitude of Belgians for Help Given by Americans

London, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has addressed the following letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium:

"I understand you have kindly addressed a new appeal to the generosity of your countrymen to provide clothing for our so painfully destitute people. I confess I would have much preferred to shake hands with my American brothers in token of thankfulness for what they already have done than that we should again stretch to them the open hand to beg."

"Your country already has done so much for us; it has given much in food, and above all, in personal cooperation for our economic rehabilitation; it brings us this help with such a willing and complete spontaneity that we have longed to convey to your people an expression of gratitude untempered by new appeals to their unselfishness. But you, yourself, dear friend, involve us to appeal our scruples, and, therefore, I know better than anyone the destination of our beloved Belgian people, should feel myself traitor to my duty as their pastor if through an exaggerated feeling of national pride I should refrain from also pleading for those who are suffering.

"Only yesterday tears rose to my eyes when, crossing the street in Malines, I met a party of strong, honest workmen, with stooping heads, their eyes fixed on new cloths. These men habitually had supported wives and children through their own labor, but have been for fifteen months without work. The last of their savings are exhausted. Their shoes were worn out and the relief committee had distributed among them some cloths, with the injunction to use the leather rags from their worn-out shoes as linings to keep their feet from dampness.

"Seventy-fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. James Waddell, Scotland.

Fourteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. Campbell, Scotland; Cpl. Chas. O'Brien, St. John, N. B.

Died of wounds: Pte. J. H. Roy, Fairbanks, Ont.

Died of tuberculosis: Pte. A. Urwin, Innisfree, Alta.

Seriously wounded: Pte. A. C. Rayk, St. Albans, Vt.

Fifteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. H. German, Waterville, Maine; Pte. Ezra Fawcett, Kimberley, Ont.

Seventeenth Battalion—Suffering from loss of memory: Pte. J. J. Lamphier, Roxbury, Mass.

Nineteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. S. Arnell, Toronto.

Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. G. Degras, Joliette, Que.; Pte. C. Corneloupe, Montreal.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Seriously wounded: Pte. J. J. Shannon, Leominster, Mass.

Severely wounded: Pte. J. H. Tierney, Montreal.

Wounded: Pte. S. J. Smith, England.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Arthur Bevan, Midnapore, Alta.; Pte. B. N. White, Darlingford, Man.

Thirty-first Battalion—Died of pneumonia: Pte. N. A. Ward, England.

Thirty-ninth Battalion—Suffering from concussion: Pte. E. M. Callander, Innisfree, Alta.

Fifty-fourth Battalion—Died: Pte. Thos. Whalen, Colemain, Alta.

Fifty-sixth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Thos. Hanjhas, Big Cove, N. B.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Missing: believed killed in action: Pte. B. P. Wilding, England.

Wounded: Pte. F. W. Mirtle, Scotland.

First Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles—Killed in action: Pte. A. Colson, England.

Wounded: Pte. V. Conn, Pambur, Sask.

Suffering from shock: Pte. Roderick McKay, Scotland.

Wounded slightly by shell: Pte. J. McLeod, Scotland.

Third Field Artillery—Killed in action: Pte. J. A. Yates, Toronto.

Second Field Co., Canadian Engineers—Wounded: Pte. H. Waugh, Maple Creek, Sask.

Canadian A. S. C. Training Depot—Dangerously ill: Pte. A. N. Munro, Caster, Priddis, Alta.

Reserve Brigade Artillery—Seriously ill: Pte. W. Cooper, Scotland.

GOLD ON YASAKA MARU.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the Mediterranean on Tuesday by a submarine, is said to have carried 25,000,000 yen (\$12,500,000) in Japanese gold. The insurance on the vessel amounts to 5,600,000 yen (\$2,800,000).

GAINS CONSOLIDATED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Holding Ground Won Southeast of Hartmanns-Wellerkopf; Withdraw North of Hill

London, Dec. 24.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Early this morning the enemy made an unsuccessful bombing attack on our position near the Polegeert wood. The day has been brighter and the artillery consequently active. The preponderance of activity has been on our side."

Paris, Dec. 24.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In Artois our artillery has displayed activity in the region of Givry and in the neighborhood of the road to Lille. On the north bank of the Aisne we effectively bombarded an automobile convoy between Conde and Manneville."

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Rome, Dec. 24.—A royal decree authorizes the issue of a national loan, the bonds to be redeemable in 25 years but not convertible before 1926. The interest will be 5 per cent, and the bonds will be free from all taxes, present and future. The issue price is 97½ lire.

The subscription lists will be open from January 10 to February 10 in Italy and until March 31 in the colonies and abroad at the consulates and specially designated banks. The holders of the last bond issue can convert the bonds into the new bonds on payment of 2½ lire per hundred.

COUSIN OF KING PETER
HAS ARRIVED IN ROME

Rome, Dec. 24.—Prince Alexis Karageorgievitch, of Serbia, a cousin of King Peter, has arrived here after an adventurous escape from Albania with his wife.

The prince says that what is left of the Serbian army has resumed contact with the Bulgarians east of El Bassan, where fighting has been going on for three consecutive days.

King Peter went on horseback from Scutari to Tirana, the prince states, and then to Avlona, from which place he is watching the operations of his army, which is commanded by General Missetch.

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SWEDEN NOW HOLDING
PARCELS FROM BRITAIN

London, Dec. 24.—Advices from Stockholm report that in pursuance of the Swedish government's decision to hold up parcels post packages passing through Sweden to or from the British Isles in retaliation for the removal by British authorities from steamships of packages for Sweden, ten thousand parcels from the United Kingdom for Russia are now being held at Gothenburg. At Haparanda, it is said, 2,500 packages are being detained.

DAY OF INTERCESSION
FOR SUCCESS OF ALLIES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon it was decided to name Sunday, January 2, as a day for intercession and prayer in all churches in Canada for the success of the British empire and its allies. The first Sunday of the present year was set aside for a similar purpose.

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CHINESE GENERALS RECEIVING TITLES

Yuan Shi Kai Strengthening
Himself in Anticipation
of Revolution

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Chinatown is in the throes of intense excitement. Advice from China, telling of the rapidly-spreading revolutionary movement, are being followed by local Chinese with deepest interest. Crowds are gathered about the "dead walls" where the latest news is posted and many demonstrations follow the reading of dispatches.

According to latest advices, Chou Kuog, once one of Yuan Shi Kai's staunchest supporters, now a leader in the rebellion, requested the governor of Yunnan province to protest against Yuan's accession to the throne. This request was followed by a petition from generals in charge of the garrisons in the provinces of Yunnan and Kweichow that Yuan Shi Kai order the immediate execution of Yong Dow and twelve others who had been active in the movement for an imperial form of government. This action was taken as a direct defiance of Yuan and his governmental plans.

In anticipation of open hostilities, Yuan is said to be conferring titles on generals and governors in all provinces favorable to his scheme.

Local Chinese were aroused to patriotic demonstrations yesterday by the news that Sun Fo, a University of California student and son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first provisional president of the Chinese republic, has decided to join the revolutionary movement in China.

LARGE ORDER GIVEN
TO TORONTO FIRM

Reported Lowest Offer Not Accepted; Friction on the Mu-nitions Board

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Evening Free Press says:

"The departure of General Bertram has disclosed the fact that there is some friction on the imperial munitions board."

"It is openly stated that some of the members of the new board have not been able to endorse the opinion of the chairman, J. W. Flavelle, as to the letting of contracts. Among other acts which have been criticized is a contract for 2 million shell fuses which has been let at a handsome figure to a Toronto automobile firm.

"T. A. Russell, of Toronto, was active in obtaining this contract, which is said to be for more than \$4,000,000. Mr. Flavelle and Mr. Russell have had rather extensive business relations in the past in connection with industrial enterprises.

"It is claimed that there were lower offers for fuse production than that which was accepted from the concern represented by Mr. Russell.

"The board is acting for the imperial minister of munitions, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, while Canada's credit will be drawn upon to pay for the munitions. The auditor-general of Canada has no authority or control over the payments. It is claimed that the public accounts committee of parliament will not be able to look into the transactions. However, it is certain there will be discussion when parliament meets."

COLOGNE PAPER ATTACKS
PRESIDENT OF STATES

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the second American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the Ancona incident, the Volks Zeitung, of Cologne, Germany, makes a vigorous attack on President Wilson. It says the president will not let slip an opportunity to gain a great success, since "failure would prejudice his prospects for the next election."

The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says the note leaves the door open for friendly discussion. It is couched in conciliatory terms, he adds, and the questions as to the facts of the case and the legality of the submarine commander's act may be discussed calmly and objectively.

POPE SHOULD TAKE
LEAD, SAYS CARDINAL

Rome, Dec. 24.—In his address to Pope Benedict yesterday on the occasion of the reception by the pontiff of the sacred college, which visited him to extend Christmas greetings, said that no better time than Christmas could be chosen to speak of peace in a year in which there had been so much sorrow and bloodshed. The cardinal declared the pope to be the fittest to take the lead in restoring peace, right and justice, having no interest of his own to further.

"The pontiff's post as 'vicar of the king of peace' entitles him to be mediator for the good of humanity," said the cardinal.

CAPTURED GREEK SHIPS
SUPPLYING SUBMARINES

Rome, Dec. 24.—Two Italian torpedo boats have captured several Greek vessels which are carrying oil to German submarines, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Brindisi.

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAD SUCCESSES IN PERSIA

Reported They Are Fighting
Now Only 25 Miles
From Teheran

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—The war office issued the following statement last night:

"In Galicia, east of Podhalcy, small enemy detachments repeatedly attempted to approach our trenches. Our fire always repulsed them."

"In the Black sea our torpedo boats exchanged shots with the shore batteries of Varna. In the coastal region one of our submarines destroyed a sailing vessel loaded with coal."

"In Persia on Sunday night we dislodged the insurgents from the region of the village of Arbarik, northwest of Hamadan. South of Hamadan we occupied Asabadd pass. On the 26th of October, before entering Rum, took by assault the village of Save, putting the rebels to flight, and about 600 Mohammedans, mounted and afoot."

Semi-official reports from Teheran state that Russian troops have clashed in battle 25 miles from Teheran, at Rabatkerim, with forces commanded by Emir Khishmet, supported by gendarmes. The fighting is rapidly becoming nearer the city. Telegraphic communications have been cut, and no particulars are obtainable.

LARGE ORDER GIVEN
TO TORONTO FIRM

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
WILL REPLY SHORTLY

Attitude Toward States; Professor Suggests Commission for Ancona Case

Vienna, Dec. 24.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States arising from the Ancona incident are susceptible of amicable settlement.

The Austro-Hungarian reply to the latest note from the States may be expected in a few days.

The second note from Washington is being studied here. Meanwhile the press is withholding comment. The remarks incident to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly in tenor, and all circles were convinced that the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

No inkling has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication to the United States, but in this connection interest attaches to an article by Professor Henry Lammash, one of the leading Austrian authorities on international law. Professor Lammash, a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that, in view of the fact that there is a misunderstanding between the two nations, an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case, as was done in the famous Dogger Bank incident. It is felt in certain quarters here that this procedure would offer the best chance of establishing facts and thus placing the responsibility.

The Associated Press correspondent can state on the best authority that the Austrian government, as well as the German, is willing to do its utmost to maintain good relations with the United States, providing no conditions regarded as prejudicial to the honor of this nation are imposed.

At the American embassy the impression prevails that it is still possible to arrive at a solution of the Ancona question.

Dutch Comment.

The Hague, Dec. 24.—The Nieuwe Courant, commenting on the American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Ancona, says:

"Washington's refusal to enter into details gives the impression of a rejection of the politely worded and not unreasonable request of Austria and of displaying little desire to meet her wishes."

London Standard.

London, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaki Maru by a submarine, the Standard says: "This fresh outrage will rob of any virtue any disavowal by the Austrian government of the act of the officer who sank the Ancona."

SOCIALISTS AT HAGUE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—A number of prominent Socialists from all the belligerent countries except Italy met last Wednesday at The Hague to discuss steps which might be taken to help bring about a speedy peace, according to the Telegraaf to-day.

The paper says that the meeting was held at the offices of the International Socialists' bureau. The discussions were of a very provisional character, it adds. The Dutch delegates of the international bureau had the proceedings under their direction.

TWENTY-EIGHT INJURED.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Twenty-eight passengers were hurt and a fireman was injured seriously to-day when a freight train on the Missouri, Kansas and Gulf railroad collided with the rear end of an accommodation train on the St. Louis and San Francisco line near Galena, Kas.

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THE HOLIDAYS.

Santa Claus is going to have the hardest Christmas of his life. Our artist succeeds in portraying the nature of the task the father of gifts and distributor of good cheer has before him in Belgium. In some parts of Europe he is in the habit of visiting he will find conditions somewhat embarrassing, though probably not quite so bad as they are in gallant, stricken Belgium. Even in countries which have succeeded in keeping the scourge of the war made in Germany outside their borders death has taken a heavy toll during the year and the hearts of the people are heavy. So that in general the Christmas season is not going to be celebrated with customary merriment. Remote as we are in British Columbia from the scene of carnage, we have not been exempt entirely from its consequences. Many of our households mourn young men who have patriotically volunteered, gallantly gone forth and sealed with their life's blood their devotion to the cause of justice, truth and liberty. Still signs are not lacking that a brighter day is dawning. We hope and believe that before Santa Claus again is due this war, to be followed by enduring peace, will be at an end. Cherishing this hope, we wish all friends of the Times as merry a Christmas as is possible in their present state of mind.

We purpose doing our "little bit" towards the attainment of this end by giving all our employees a holiday tomorrow. To be quite frank about it, we hardly can do otherwise, because the delivery boys have a rooted objection, an objection natural and inherent in boyhood, to doing any work whatever on a holiday.

GERMANY'S RESOURCES.

While it is possible to agree with much that Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross said at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday, many of his premises and conclusions can be effectively challenged. There can be no question as to the necessity of exerting all our strength to beat the enemy; but more important than this is the necessity of directing our energies to the proper ends. In money, men and material the allies have a large superiority. If we exploit one too extensively at the expense of the others, we damage, if not destroy, our prospects of success. This is a war of resources in the fullest sense. It is not a war of men alone, not even of men and munitions alone. We might have both, but if we exhausted the third—the real sinews of war—sooner than the enemy we could not win a prolonged struggle. Important though the authorities regard the questions of men and munitions, they are evincing even greater concern in the matter of finances. Had Britain and France been less abundantly equipped with material wealth an inconclusive peace at the very best would have been all they could dare to hope for. Without the high credit of those two great powers their own as well as Russia's munition problems would have remained unsolved. Italy would not have intervened in the war. The basis of that credit and wealth is their trade and commerce; their economic strength lies in their industries. Its maintenance is vital. It is the foundation upon which their whole naval and military effort is conducted, and without it no nation can win a war of attrition.

It is fatal to under-estimate the enemy. It is dangerous to overestimate him to the extent of impairing the effective combined operation of all resources. Germany is not a modern miracle; the Germans are not a super-race. Germany's resources of men, material and finance are not a closed book. Her system is fatally defective and her ethics, based upon that system, of course are rotten. Between that system and our own is an irreconcilable conflict. This war is not to determine which army will win but to

decide whether military despotism or democratic institutions will go under. We do not intend to destroy Prussianism in Germany to establish it in our own countries. As to Germany's finances there is not a banker of international repute in the world who will not agree that she is nearing the end of her financial resources. With the outbreak of war her national income was reduced probably by more than one half, because with the loss of her markets and the disappearance of her trade and shipping her industries were demoralized and her economic foundation was undermined. Until now she has not dared to impose a cent of taxation, for reasons of which anybody with a casual knowledge of her fiscal policy since 1911 must be aware. Of all the belligerents she is the heaviest borrower; of all the borrowers she is the most short sighted and insecure. The country was flooded with paper money, which has depreciated so much that iron currency has been introduced as a temporary remedy. Now she is compelled to resort to taxation, the pet antipathy of her overtaxed people, the thing her government was so anxious to avoid that it preferred to court ruin by a system of financial jugglery which is sheer insanity.

The truth is, the German machine was not built for a long war. It was organized, for a sudden, decisive spring. There is not a German from the Kaiser to his humblest subject between the North Sea and Switzerland and from the Rhine to the Vistula who believed the war would last a year. That is why the German government is helpless in the face of the rising storm of internal discontent. It did not plan for such an emergency; its machine cannot operate upon any other track than those for which it was built. Col. Ross thinks Germany can fight until 1920. She can do nothing of the sort. She will blow up long before that time. It is doubtful if she can hold out another year. Certainly neither Austria nor Turkey can. Both the Teutonic empires have attempted to obtain separate peace terms and again. Wars cannot be fought on land, nor can soldiers, raw materials and food supplies be extracted from the atmosphere. As to the various military operations it will be safe, we think, to rely upon the cold, untrammeled and unregulated judgment of competent experienced neutral observers like Frederick Palmer, who has seen this war from every side, who knows the German army, its methods and resources. Mr. Palmer was not staggered by Germany's display of military strength; war is an old game to him and very early in the struggle he brushed aside the non-essentials which caused so much general depression among the allies and asserted that Germany could not win. He has been through too many wars to be ignorant of the main requisites of final victory.

DISILLUSIONED!

Henry Ford is reported to be coming home without his Ark. It has cost him a large fortune and much distress of body and mind to discover what every high school boy in Canada has long known, namely, that none of the entente nations is thinking of peace. He has discovered further that none of the small European neutrals wants to see peace until the Teutonic empires have been overthrown. How could it be otherwise? Not only do those neutrals share with the Entente nations the knowledge that an inconclusive peace would mean another war even worse than this one, but they know that unless Prussianism be destroyed, they themselves will be marked for its prey.

It was not surprising to us, therefore, to learn that Mr. Ford had such a frigid reception in Norway that he took a severe cold and that the government of Denmark notified him in advance that he and his collection of busybodies would not be permitted to hold meetings on Danish soil. If he went to Holland or Switzerland he would be similarly received. This war is causing the small neutrals a great deal of misery; it will bankrupt some of them, but not one of them is willing to take chances on a peace which leaves Germany unleashed.

The premier of Greece has given an interview to the correspondent of a London newspaper protesting against the way the entente powers have "malignant and bullied" his country and bitterly complaining that through their action the beautiful province of Macedonia is to be made a battle-ground of this terrible war. M. Skouloudis would have been better advised had he made no reference to Macedonia. That district would not have been Greek territory to-day had it not been for Serbia, and it was to ensure the protection of Greek and Serbian Macedonia that the two countries bound themselves in a defensive alliance. Greece repudiated the treaty and never raised a hand to prevent Bulgaria from reconquering Serbian Macedonia. In fact there is no doubt that were it not for the pressure exercised by the allies, against whom the Greek premier complains, Greece would have assisted in

the spoliation of the neighbor who trusted her. The name Macedonia, through the turpitude of the Greek court, will have a sinister meaning in history.

Richard Harding Davis, the well known author, says that recently in visiting the area in France covered by the Marne campaign it was difficult for him to realize that this section had been touched by the hand of war. The fields are under cultivation, the fences are in their accustomed places, the buildings, from the imposing chateau to the humble farm cottage, have been so deftly repaired or rebuilt that it is hard to believe that most of them were wrecked by shell fire. Even the bridges across the rivers have been rebuilt. Yet in that area more than three million men with all the devastating paraphernalia of modern war met in the greatest shock in history a little more than a year ago. France is repairing the ravages of war with astonishing industry and skill. Her builders and gardeners follow upon the heels of her armies. Her capacity for recovering from the demoralizing effects of a great conflict has been demonstrated often in history, and will be exhibited again after the present struggle.

Von Tirpitz, the assassin of children, has issued a word of cheer to the German people on the eve of Christmas. He said a short time ago that the German fleet had gone forth into the North Sea in search of the British and had returned to Kiel, chagrined and disappointed. It could not get a glimpse even of Admiral Jellicoe and his men. You see, it is considered necessary to stimulate the Teutonic mind in the delusion that the Kaiser's "high seas fleet" parades around with its colors defiantly flying, maintaining "freedom of the seas." To all the world except Germany and it is doubtful if Germany really should be excepted—this pleasant little fiction of Tirpitz is a huge joke. However, a short time ago a couple of German warships did venture out—and they found a little bit of the British navy without looking for it. And the Bremen and her consort never came back.

Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross is reported to have stated that Germany mobilized an army of five million men in seven days. This is incorrect. Germany did not mobilize that number in seven weeks. Nevertheless, she had been mobilizing for weeks before the war. She began to make active preparations for the conflict before the Austrian ultimatum was sent to Serbia. The annual report of the German government railway system spoke of the heavy movement of troops early in July. When Germany declared war she had mobilized 25 active corps and considerably less than the 21 corps of reserves her plans called for. In other words, after a period of several weeks Germany mobilized approximately 2,500,000 men, four-fifths of whom were flung against France and Belgium.

Before this war has been ended Austria will receive a reminder of the Yasaki Maru incident from a quarter which does not deal in protests unsupported by quick effective action. That quarter is Japan, which never forgets or forgets.

A Vienna dispatch says the Austrian people are pleased at the comparative moderation in the tone of the second Washington note. Therefore, as Austria only asked for a milder tone she will accede to the American demands, at the same time claiming probably a diplomatic victory. Her promise to do as Washington requested likewise will be regarded by the Wilson administration as a diplomatic triumph. Thus each government has scored; neither suffers the loss of dignity. Whether Austria sticks to her word is another matter.

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Cameron & Calwell's Auto Ambulance, the most up-to-date ambulance in the city, is at your service. Phone 693, 185 or 186. The same numbers will bring that taxi-cab, express wagon or anything else you may want in the trucking or draying business.

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Have you noticed Standard Steam Laundry branch office in Dominion Hotel block.

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The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

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Things Not to Forget—Platter for the turkey at 75c; roast pans, 25c, up, nut cracks, 25c; cups and saucers, \$1.50 dozen; pocket knife for the boy, 15c, to \$1.75, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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Silver Spring Beer—2 qts. for 25c.

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Retrench by having things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 814 Cormorant. Gramophones especially.

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Some Dads Do Have Cold Feet. Give him a earthen hot water bottle, 75c and \$1.00, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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Sepia Photos for Xmas at a special reduction, \$7.00 Sepias for \$6.00 per dozen, at the Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates St.

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Those of us are left behind Must be something more than kind. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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Furnaces Installed, Watson & McGregor, Ltd., 647 Johnston St.

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H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, for 25c.

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Gold Fish Bowls, 69c up at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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Phoenix Stout—2 qt. for 25c.

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Every dollar that you give Helps a soldier's wife to live! Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, for 50c.

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Wenger's for Xmas Presents. 25 per cent discount on all goods.

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Nice Hand-painted China at R. A. Brown & Co.

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Give to aid the Union Jack; There are those who'll not come back.

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An assortment of toys, equal in variety and kind to anything shown in previous years, is to be seen at the City Fair, 615 Yates street, in the premises recently vacated by Fitzpatrick & O'Connell, and a few doors west of Douglas Street. The Fair, in removing from 736 Fort street to the more central location on Yates, will continue to carry a complete—as near complete as is possible under present conditions—line of not only toys but kitchenware, dinnerware and fancy china, notions, etc. In the matter of dinnerware all patterns arrived are stock and modern in decoration. No trumpets are sounded with regard to values. Keen competition as a matter of fact, invariably regulates this end of any business, and the City Fair is prepared to meet all competition in honest-dealing.

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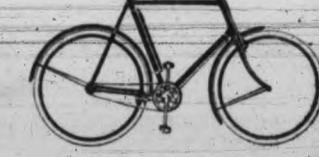
Held Christmas Entertainment—The cradle roll and primary departments of the First Presbyterian church held their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday afternoon in the schoolroom adjoining the church.

A number of mothers came with the 250 little ones, and games, choruses, and recitations constituted an entertainment which even the smallest were able to appreciate to some extent. Tea and cakes were provided to all, and J. G. Inkster was present to speak to those very junior adherents of the church. Santa Claus distributed candy and fruit to each of the children. To Mrs. Pumfrey is due a special expression of thanks for her splendid entertainment.

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the child will be happy indeed, who wakes up to find that our old friend "Santa" has left him a REAL BICYCLE, just as good and as well made as those used by the "grown-ups," only—and here is what appeals most—it is small enough for him or her to ride with perfect ease and safety.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 24, 1890.

All the churches have been decorated for the Christmas services tomorrow. Particular attention has been given to the musical services at Christ Church Cathedral. The bishop of the diocese will officiate at the morning service.

Lieut. H. C. Carey, R. E., of Halifax, arrived in the city last evening to spend Christmas with his father, ex-Mayor Carey.

Water in the Cowichan district is receding after the recent floods. The railway company is transferring its passengers across the river in canoes. Work has already started on the bridge to replace the one swept out.

A panther was killed in the Highland district to-day, measuring eight feet long, by Archie Aitken, after it had done some damage to stock.

The sealing and coasting schooner Katherine returned to Victoria this morning from the west coast. She brings the captain and eleven members of the wrecked barque Atlanta, which went down in the recent gales near Clayoquot.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

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We for whom our boys have fought Pay because we must, and ought Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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Turkeys—Having secured the celebrated Oldfield's turkeys, Elk Lake, we can supply you with any size bird also island geese and Eastern turkeys. Brown & Cooper, phone 567.

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For the Missis and the kids Left behind—who pays, who bids? Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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Xmas Gift Problem Solved at Wengen's, 623 Yates street, 25 per cent discount.

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High Class Jewelry, being sold at 25 per cent discount at Wengen's.

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Rapid Trial Balance Books now ready. Manufactured by Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1010-12 Langley St.

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Agricultural Association—The minister of agriculture has issued articles of incorporation to the Ladysmith Agricultural society.

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Insurance Company Licensed—The provincial superintendent of insurance has issued a licence to transact business in British Columbia to the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited.

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Water Application—Britannia and Young Company, Limited, are applying for approval of works constructed for the purpose of diverting water from Silver Creek and Silver Lake for fluming uses. These streams are tributary to Uchuckletit harbour.

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Wine Doll—Mrs. Henry Heisterman, Belmont avenue, won the doll presented by Mrs. Croft to be raffled at the tea given by the Camosun Chapter, I. O. D. E., at the residence of Mrs. Thornton Fell, Fowl Bay road, last Friday. The winning ticket was No. 16.

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New Companies—The following companies have been granted certificates of incorporation this week: B. C. Aviation School, Ltd., Vancouver, capitalized at \$50,000; British Columbia Optical society, under Benevolent Societies act; Caroline Court Apartments, Ltd., Vancouver, \$75,000; Cranbrook Herald, Ltd., Cranbrook, \$15,000; Food Products Company, Ltd., New Westminster, \$100,000; Murray Bros., Ltd., Vancouver, \$10,000; Trail Printing & Publishing Company, Ltd., Trail, \$10,000; Western Canada Lime Company, Ltd., New Westminster, \$100,000.

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Mr. Crooks, the number has been dedicated to the fallen heroes at the front; cornet and trombone duet, "Excerpts from Martha," (Flotow); Bandmaster Smith and Bandmistress Raine; operatic pot-pourri, "Broadway Review," Lampe. Miss Muriset will be the accompanist.

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A NEW USE FOR AFTERNOON GOWNS

More Dressy Costumes Are Suitable for Indoor Skating; Velveteen Popular.

New York, Dec. 24.—With dancing still a popular pastime, indoor and outdoor skating becoming a more fascinating fad each day, new clothes are constantly in demand. The indoor skating frock might consistently serve as well for afternoon tea, bridge parties, and similar daytime affairs, or it may be as plain as the fancy dictates. Sleeves and collars are the distinctive features of these costumes. Whether for afternoon or morning wear the collar is high; not necessarily of the choker type, for many a collar high in back is open in front, affording the comfort of the open throat and the chic of the high neck dressing. When the choker is used it is boned as of old, and usually finished around the top with a frill, ruche, circular band of chiffon picot-edged, or a narrow strip of fur. On one of the new Paquin models of black satin and velvet the high satin collar is topped with a two-inch-wide circular flounce of chiffon. While trimmings are not elaborate on these gowns, still there are many little details which offer the clever woman with individual ideas a chance to make good use of them. Cloth-covered buttons, silk-covered buttons, in self-



Fur-Trimmed Black Velvet.

tone, or a color that harmonizes, are being used to trim both dresses and suits of the more dressy as well as the simpler types. Both long and three-quarter length sleeves are used in daytime dresses; when the three-quarter length sleeve is used it is cut very full and flares away from the forearm gracefully, with very much the effect of the old-fashioned flowing sleeve of grandmother's day.

Favored Colors and Fabrics. While serge and gabardine are still the fabrics favored for the more simple suits and dresses, velvet, velveteen and broadcloth are the dressy materials. Braid, buttons, and fur are the trimmings that bring out the rich effect of both of these materials. Of course there is nothing richer than black velvet for street and afternoon wear; a charming indoor skating frock of skunk-trimmed black velvet, worn at one of the more popular of the hotels recently, caused many an eye to follow the graceful skater with her bright hair and huge bunch of purple orchids. For skating, as well as for dancing, pointelettes are practical and comfortable; these are being put out in all shades to match suit or frock; the simplest of them have merely a frill or two around the ankles in the same color and material as the garment.

For real comfort, both in dancing and skating, the small hat is necessary. This is usually in bright contrast to suit or frock; for instance, there is a charming shade of brick red that is much favored with blue serge and black velvet dresses and suits. A bright curtain velvet is also favored, and bright coral red is attractive for those who find the shade becoming; and for the more conservative there are wonderful blues, golden browns, and other dark, rich shades which will harmonize beautifully with broadcloth, satin, velvet, taffeta and the other daytime materials. Malfined in high up-standing ruches, bows, rosettes and folds is being used considerably for these small touques. Gold net or lace touques, with rills of dark brown or black net or mailles, wired into shape, are especially effective for both afternoon and informal evening wear. Quaint neck-tie hats; an upstanding frill or two of the mailles to match the hat, bandied through the centre with a narrow fold of velvet or satin corresponding with the frock, form becoming neck-tie hats and afford an effective finish to the costume.

Other Interesting Details. The belt is still a feature of both suit and frock; while belted effects in general have been done to death for

color as the frock, or contrasting. A belt of this kind offers an attractive way of introducing an effective bit of color contrast; for instance, a dark blue, green or gray dress may be surrounded in gold or black on one of the dark, old reds, blues, or greens.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

To Be Rendered at Metropolitan Methodist Church on Sunday Next.

The following Christmas music will be rendered at the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Sunday next:

Morning.
Anthem—Christians, Awake Maunder Solo, Mrs. G. A. Downard.
Soprano Solo—The Star of Bethlehem Mrs. J. Knight.

Anthem—There We'll Shepherd Vincent Solo, Mrs. G. A. Downard.

Bass Solo—The Birthday of the King Mr. E. Williams.

Evening.
Anthem—Adeste Fideles Novello Solos, Mesdames Downard, Morton, Messrs. Laity and Marwood.

Soprano Solo—Peace on Earth Lane Mrs. G. A. Downard.

Anthem—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Bass Solo, J. H. Crook.

Carol—Quo Vadis—Bells of Christmas Time ... Nichol.

Mesdames Packard and Morton, Messrs. Laity and Marwood.

Anthem—Sing, O Daughter of Zion, ... Swartz.

Solos, Mesdames Packard and Morton, Bass Solo—The First Christmas Morn ... Newton.

Anthem—Lo, God, Our God, Has Come ... Marwood.

Solo, Mrs. Packard, Steane.

Contralto Solo ... Mrs. L. Tickner.

Hallelujah Chorus ... Mess.

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IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE VICTORIA PUBLIC

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WATCH THIS PAGE MONDAY NIGHT

For a Pleasant Evening

FIVE SHOWS TO-MORROW.

There will be five shows at Pantages theatre to-morrow, the first one commencing at 2.30 from which time there will be a continuous performance until late at night. The public are reminded that there are seven splendid acts all big holiday attractions, and including the Five Casters in the greatest act of its kind in the world; Knox Wilson, the musical comedy star, in a steamy new act, and five other stellar numbers.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

"The best show you have ever had in your theatre," was the remark made to Manager Maysmith by dozens of delighted patrons of the Columbia after witnessing the big double bill now being presented at this popular picture house.

"At Bay," the feature photoplay which heads the bill, is by far the strongest drama ever seen in Victoria and is being presented here direct from a three weeks' record run in Toronto where it was first released. Florrie Reed, who plays the lead, will be remembered by many who saw her



Clever Fun-Makers

JARVIS AND HENDERSON
in "Flirtology."
at Pantages Theatre.

PANTAGES THEATRE

ALL THIS WEEK

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Wizards of the Air, in the World's Greatest Casting Act.

Also: Harry La Toy; the Alaska Four; Leach and Holland; Al. Lutinger and Co.; Jarvis and Harrison in "Flirtology."

Knox Wilson

The great Musical Comedy Favorites.

Continuous Performance Saturday, commencing at 2.30.

COLUMBIA THEATRE

SPECIAL!! SPECIAL!!

Charlie Chaplin

In a New Essanay Comedy

Charlie's Night Out

Together With

FLORENCE REED

In the Dramatic Success of the Season

"AT BAY"

SPECIAL COUNTRY STORE
100 Prizes, Consisting of Toys, Games, Books, Dolls, etc., for the Children.

Raffles Conducted.—At the Rex theatre on Tuesday night the following raffles were conducted for the benefit of the Esquimalt branch of the Red Cross society. Doll, donated by Mrs. Fowler, of "The Beehive," won by Miss Isabelle Hunter, holder of ticket No. 131, \$16; Christmas cake,

donated by Miss Colis, netted \$14.60; five turkeys, donated by Messrs. Lock & Sons, \$25.

Can Practice as Surveyor.—The B. C. Gazette this week contains notice from the registrar of the B. C. Land Surveyors' Corporation that B. N. C. Kenny, Victoria, is authorized to practice the profession of surveying in the province during the year.

Validating By-laws.—The city of New Westminster is applying at the next session of the legislature for a private bill, of which notice is given in the current number of the B. C. Gazette, for the purpose of validating certain by-laws of the municipality.

Hunters Are Fined.—Four cases were disposed of in the Saanich police court yesterday afternoon, at the prosecution of Chief Little, of that munici-

pality, his topic to be "No room in the inn."

Organ Recital.—The following programme will be rendered at the organ recital in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock: Christmas March (Merkel); Pastoral (Sullivan); march, "Pomp and Circumstance" (Elgar); and Offerings on two Christmas Carols (Guilmant).

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Provincial Appointments.—The only appointments gazetted this week in the provincial official publication are those of Hons. W. J. Bowser, Thomas Taylor and W. R. Ross as members of the treasury board; Hon. W. J. Bowser as commissioner of fisheries, and H. S. Banwell, Fernie, as a court of revision and appeal for the Fort Steele assessment district during the absence on active military service of G. G. Moffatt.

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Double Chinese Tragedy.—Because Sam Dong, as he believed, was the cause of his dismissal from the service of the Staples Lumber company's camp at Wycliffe, in the Kootenays, in order to get a cousin a job, Mah Ho shot him dead in the camp and then put another bullet through his own head. Superintendent Campbell, of the provincial police, has received information of the tragedy from Chief Constable Welshy of that district.

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Annual Celebration.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, the Sunday school of St. Paul's Presbyterian church will hold their annual Christmas celebration in Semple's hall. Tea will be served to the children of the school at 6 o'clock and at 8 o'clock they will put on their programme, which will doubtless prove as entertaining as any previous one. They extend a hearty invitation to all friends to come and enjoy the evening with them.

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Chinese CaseAppealed.—R. C. Lowe, acting for fifty-seven Chinese convicted and fined \$10 each for having been in a gambling joint, has entered a notice of appeal. The chief ground for appealing from the decision of the magistrate is a technical one, and is that the search warrant under which the police acted was for premises at No. 1 Fan Tan alley, whereas the premises of the Oriental club, which were raided, are situated upstairs above that number.

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Blue Cross Society.—Arthur Coke, secretary of the Blue Cross society in London, has written to the local secretary as follows: "The demand for supplies is ever increasing and we are constantly sending all sorts of requisites to the different divisions in the field. \$500 worth of veterinary instruments and drugs have been supplied to the head of the Canadian veterinary service, and anyone who knows officers lacking in necessities for their horses has only to send a list to us. We will find that they are dispatched to him with all possible speed, no matter to which of the forces he may be attached."

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Widow First Homesteader.—Mrs. Emma Margaret Lammond, a widow, was the first landseer to be admitted to the office of Dominion Land Agent Magee on Wednesday morning, and secured first choice of the sixteen 20-acre blocks near Ocean Park thrown open to homestead entry. Before her application was taken, Mrs. Lammond, who is a native of Sweden, although resident in this country for the past five years, signed a declaration of her intention to take out naturalization papers. She chose the west half of legal subdivision 6 adjoining a forty-acre block of which she is the owner.

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Post Office Crush.—It will probably take the whole of next week to clear up the Christmas mails going and coming, but this afternoon should see the worst part of the rush over in Victoria. For days past the public spaces at the local post office have been hard put to it to accommodate the crush of Christmas mailers, and the big weighing-table installed every year for the purpose of checking weight before mailing has kept two men almost constantly busy through the entire day for the past week. An overseas mail which left London on December 7, and came via New York, arrived yesterday, and a big parcel post which left about the same time is expected this afternoon or to-morrow. It consists of about 900 parcels, and will make for another rush of deliveries. The mail yesterday consisted of 22 sacks of letters and 11 of newspapers. Up to the present the overseas parcel post has not been so heavy as in previous years, but the greatly improved arrangements in the local post office have facilitated the disposition of mails very greatly.

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Defenders of the Empire.—The holiday attraction at the Royal Victoria theatre should draw good houses. The film "The Defenders of Our Empire," which was taken by authority of the army council, is a picture that should appeal to all and it also will bring home to a good many the difficulties of the present war. The story of the film has been published before, so it is not necessary to repeat it, but mention of the different operations shown might interest. In the first is a landing effected "somewhere within the war zone." Trenches are dug and barbed wire entanglements made to stop the invaders. The attack commences. Dynamite in long tubes is used as the only effective means of dealing with the barbed wire. British airships and aeroplanes come into action. Cavalry and guns come into line. Then is shown the caring for the wounded by lady members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. In addition to this picture there is also shown on the same programme other

photoplays that round out an entertainment that should please.

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Christmas in Jail.—There will be the usual little extras to-morrow at dinner time for the prisoners in the city jail and at the Saanich prison farm.

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Card Social.—Purple Star Lodge '104, L. O. B. A., will hold a card social and dance in aid of the Protestant orphans in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Members are requested to bring refreshments.

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Trust Companies.—The registrar of joint-stock companies gives notice that the Johnson Wharf Company, Limited, and the Western Home and Improvement Company, Limited, have abandoned the trust features of their businesses.

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88th Band Concert.—The usual Sunday evening concert will be given by the band of the 88th Regiment in the Columbia theatre. A special programme is being prepared by the band and it will be assisted by J. O. Dunford.

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Whist Party and Dance.—The Loyal Order of Moose have arranged an evening's entertainment for Monday next at 7.45 p.m. in the K. P. hall, North Park street. The L. O. M. unite in extending to all a cordial invitation to attend. A nominal admission charge of twenty-five cents for gentlemen will be made. There will be whist tables and dancing.

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Tabernacle Baptist Church.—At the Sunday services in the Tabernacle Baptist church there will be special music both morning and evening by an augmented choir. Mrs. Quain (formerly Miss Cocker) will sing a solo in the evening. Rev. Dr. Cameron will preach special sermons at both services. On Wednesday the Christmas service of the church will be held beginning at six o'clock.

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Honor For Comrades.—In honor of their fellow-workers who are shortly to leave the city with the mechanical transport the wreck-car drivers will this evening entertain them to a drive about the city. The cars will leave the Campbell corner at 7.45 p.m. headed by the pipers of the 67th West Highland Scots, and will parade the principal streets. Frank Moore and Harry Hanover have the arrangements in hand.

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Centennial Epworth League.—The citizenship meeting of the Centennial Epworth League will be held in the parlor of the church on Monday evening, December 27, when Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Wesley church, will give an address on "The Relationship Between Religion and the Social Question." A cordial invitation is extended to all. The executive meeting will be held at the close of the regular session, and all the officers are urgently requested to be present.

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Timber Sales.—The forestry department is calling for tenders for the purchase of four timber licences—X542, to cut 420,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on an area adjoining the east arm of Juskatla Inlet, Graham Island; X546, to cut 300,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on the east shore of Quot-toon Inlet, Wark Channel; X541, to cut 1,256,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on the east arm of Juskatla Inlet and X545, to cut 2,080,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on the same inlet. In the first two cases one year will be allowed for the removal of the timber, and in the other two years.

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Used Obscene Language.—John "Scotty" Hanley in the king's uniform is little different in his conduct on the streets than when he was in the clothes of a longshoreman, but he is considerably more volatile when he appears in the police court, and that is saying a good deal. He was arrested at Government and Broughton streets last evening by Constable Devereaux, after he had disregarded a warning to be more careful in the language he was using in a high key. The constable had taken him around the corner to remonstrate with him, when Hanley assaulted him. Hanley was fined \$5 or five days in jail. In the witness-box he swore that he never used such words as the constable attributed to him. "What, never?" the magistrate asked. "Well, only when I'm excited," Hanley owned.

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Post of Office Crush.—It will probably take the whole of next week to clear up the Christmas mails going and coming, but this afternoon should see the worst part of the rush over in Victoria. For days past the public spaces at the local post office have been hard put to it to accommodate the crush of Christmas mailers, and the big weighing-table installed every year for the purpose of checking weight before mailing has kept two men almost constantly busy through the entire day for the past week.

An overseas mail which left London on December 7, and came via New York, arrived yesterday, and a big parcel post which left about the same time is expected this afternoon or to-morrow.

It consists of about 900 parcels, and will make for another rush of deliveries.

The mail yesterday consisted of 22 sacks of letters and 11 of newspapers.

Up to the present the overseas

parcel post has not been so heavy as in previous years, but the greatly

improved arrangements in the local

post office have facilitated the dis-

position of mails very greatly.

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Week of Prayer.—An universal and

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a week commencing January 2, and

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commence each evening at 8 o'clock. The following is the programme of subjects and leaders: Monday, January 3: "Thanksgiving and Huinal" chairman, Rev. R. Connell; Friday—"Families, Colleges, Schools, and the Young," chairman, Rev. A. de B. Owen; speaker, Rev. F. N. Stapleton; Tuesday—"The Church Universal," chairman, Rev. W. L. McRae. It is expected that all churches will withdraw their usual week-night meetings during this week of united prayer.

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CHAMPION BIKE RIDER HAS GREAT RECORD

Frank Kramer Has Been Riding for 18 Years; May Retire Shortly

Frank L. Kramer, the world's champion cyclist, has passed his thirty-fifth milestone. Kramer has spent most of his time straddling a pair of wheels for the last eighteen years, and, although he is now threatening to quit the game, he is almost as good as ever he was. The famous cyclist is a native of New Jersey, and lives in East Orange, where the leading citizens recently pulled off a big feed in his honor.

In many ways Kramer stands out as one of the greatest of living athletes. In every other domain of active sport champions have come and gone, and been forgotten, but Frank seemingly goes on forever.

Cycling is one of the most wearing of sports, and few men last more than five or six years at it. Kramer entered the game when he was only 17, and he was amateur champion of America for two years before he turned professional. His first year he was runner-up for the title, and ever since he has grabbed it in spite of the stiffest opposition. He has made four trips to Europe, and on two occasions he was presented by the president of France with a medal emblematic of the world's cycling championship. Last year Kramer won every race in which he engaged on the other side of the pond, and in 1913 he captured the world's cycling title at the Velodrome d'Hiver in Paris.

Kramer lives a simple, temperate life, but he isn't a faddist. He drinks and smokes occasionally, but not while in training. "Know thyself," is his motto, for he declares that every man needs a different system of training, diet, exercise etc.—During his professional career the bike champ is said to have cleaned up considerably more than \$100,000.

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SPORTING NEWS

LESTER PATRICK WRENCHED KNEE IN WORKOUT WITH AMATEURS LAST NIGHT

Local Leader May Not Be Able to Play Against Rosebuds Tuesday; Sibby Nichol Joins Champions

It is possible that Manager Lester Patrick, of the Victoria hockey team, will not take his place on the local defence for their game with Portland on December 25 at the Rose City. Last night in the workout with the local amateurs the Victoria leader was body checked by Wickson, and suffered a badly wrenched knee, which forced him to retire from the workout.

To-day Lester is out with a cane and limping badly. A ligament was torn, and it is feared that he will not be sufficiently recovered when the team journeys to Portland. He is certainly the one hard luck player in hockey. Last season when he was going at top speed he suffered a broken arm which rendered him useless for the greater part of the season. Victoria's chances of overtaking Portland for the league leadership will be greatly weakened if he is unable to take his place on the defense.

Last night was the final workout of the team in preparation for their crucial game on Tuesday night.

Mackay on Sick List.

Word comes from Vancouver that Mickey Mackay, the pygmy little centre ice man, will hardly have recovered sufficiently to take his place against Seattle on Tuesday night. Mickey is not suffering from injuries received in the game with Victoria, but has an attack of la grippe. It is probable that his place will be taken by Sibby Nichol, who has just returned from the Orient. Sibby has been on the C. P. R. liner Empress of Russia in the war zone. She was converted into an auxiliary cruiser at the outbreak of the war, and as Sibby was a bugler aboard, he volunteered to sign on as a gunner. He returned to Vancouver on the R. M. S. Empress of Japan yesterday, and was out last night practising with the champions. While his wind was poor, Sibby showed flashes of his old time form, and may round

into shape to take a place on the ice against the Metropolitans.

Rowdy Deserts Mets.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—"Rowdy," the official mascot of the Seattle hockey team, has jumped his contract.

Rowdy is a big, good-natured English pit bulldog, which has been the pet of the players and employees of the Arena. He seemed well satisfied with his lot, but either he became tired of the ice game, or someone coaxed him away, for yesterday he disappeared.

Pete Muldoon, manager of the Metropolitans, who owns the dog, hoped that Rowdy will change his mind and return to the fold. The dog is white, with one black ear and a black spot under one eye. He weighs about forty pounds.

Johnson May Go East

"Moose" Johnson's father is seriously ill in Montreal, and the Portland defense player may be called east any minute. Should he go away Victoria and Portland will both be crippled for defense men.

Prexy Frank Dons Uniform.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—Frank Patrick donned a millionaire uniform this afternoon, took up his hockey cudgel for the first time this season, led the Vancouver team through a strenuous practice of an hour's duration and announced that he would get back into active playing service as soon as he could get into condition to hold down the point position on the team.

The Coast league president had no desire to get into active service, but the urgings of the sporting writers and the real fans here have caused him to change his mind and he will be in uniform against Seattle on December 28, ready to jump in at intervals and hope to be in shape to appear as a regular member of the team by January 4, when the next home game is scheduled with the Metropolitans in opposition.

Sinclair's statement supplements Sinclair's announcement at St. Louis yesterday that he had the disposition of the Kansas City and Newark Federal league players.

"Sundays" will give the Cubs and the St. Louis Browns first chance for the

Federal league stars and after these clubs take what they want it will be up to the other clubs to bid for whatever players they care to take," Mr. Barrows said. "However, both of these clubs are overburdened with players."

Concerning the attempt by Federal

league magnates to consolidate the Buffalo Federal and Buffalo International clubs, Mr. Barrows says that such a consolidation would not be allowed.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—"I have the disposition of the Kansas City, Buffalo and Newark Federal league players and I hold the contracts of Benny Kauff, Lee Magee and George Anderson, all of the Brooklyn Federals."

This statement was made by Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate of Tulsa, Okla., and retiring baseball promoter, to-day.

"You can say," he added, "that the owner of the Cincinnati Nationals yesterday offered me \$5,000 for Pitcher Moseley, of Newark, and that the owner of another National league club offered me \$15,000 for Magee. Moseley will go to Cincinnati as soon as I get the \$5,000."

Magee, however, is worth much more money than \$15,000 in my estimation, and he will not go for that figure."

These two offers are in answer to the published report that the National league owners have agreed not to take any Federal league players."

Mr. Sinclair declined to go into detail as to how he acquired Kauff, Magee, Anderson or how he happened to have the Kansas City, Newark and Buffalo players on his hands. He denied, however, that he was the liquidating agent of the Federal league.

Mr. Sinclair said he had no option on the holdings of Tommy Burns in the Tulane Athletic club, and has until January 15 to exercise this option. Together he and Tommy Burns will operate several shows, and that the prospects look good enough to both, it is planned that the two of them will continue in partnership.

There is no criticism here of the individual skill of any member of the millionaire squad, but it is apparent that the team lacks real leadership and it is in the effort to get some head to the team that Patrick has been impressed into service again.

It is reported that a couple of major

league baseball teams have approached

Glen Warner, the great football coach, to break into big company.

Bobby McNeill, formerly of the Chelsea

team, is now playing with Motherwell in the Scottish league.

Even money wagers on the outcome of the Ritchie Mitchell vs. Johnny Kilbane fight, which takes place on New Year's Day at Cincinnati.

Larry Gardner, third baseman of the Boston Red Sox, has sent in his 1916 signed contract to President J. J. Lamkin.

According to Parks Davis, the football

statistician, more than 32,000 college and scholastic football games were played

the past year, and more than 6,500,000 spectators witnessed the matches. Last

season 34,000 games were played and

6,362,000 spectators witnessed them.

Mike Gibbons will not fight for some time. His boss says so. Mrs. Mike declares that her better half will not be permitted to engage in training, let alone a glove contest, until after the holidays.

Harvard's 1916 football schedule includes Tufts, Colby, Cornell, Yale, Virginia, Princeton, Brown.

Toronto are hopelessly outclassed in the N. H. A. They have played two games to date and dropped both. Their record of goals scored is 2, while they have had 9 scored against them.

WILL LIVE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion pugilist, decided to-day to establish permanent residence in Chicago. He was joined by his wife and four children, who came on from Los Angeles.

INTER-CITY SOCCER MATCH TO-MORROW

Game Will Start at 11 a.m.
Prompt; Large Attendance Anticipated

Despite the unfavorable weather conditions it is anticipated that a record crowd will be present to witness the inter-city soccer match to-morrow morning at the Royal Athletic Park. This is the only big Christmas Day athletic attraction, and the attendance should greatly exceed that of previous years. Vancouver are sending over their strongest possible lineup, and as the local team is easily the best that could have been selected, a good game should result. To date the Victoria all-star teams are away ahead of the mainlanders in the number of wins secured in the inter-city events.

It is hoped that to-morrow morning the sun will make an early appearance and dry out the grounds. Should it rain during the match there is seating room for 1,200 persons under the roof of the grandstand. The local team will lineup as follows:

G. Leeming (Thistles), T. Sheriff (Jacksons) and R. Whyte (Wests); J. Niven (Jacksons), J. Petterew (Wests) and J. Allen (Jacksons), Plumb (Western Scots); G. Nichols (Jacksons), L. Filmore (Thistles), A. Muir (Thistles), and Douglas (Jacksons). Reserves—Shearman (Western Scots), Blendifall (Jacksons) and J. Sheriff (Wests).

President Leith, of the Mainland

Football League, has selected J. R.

Allen, of Victoria, to officiate as referee.

The game will start at 11 o'clock prompt, and an admission fee of 25

cents will be charged. Wounded soldiers will be admitted free of charge. On

New Year's day the local all-star team will visit Vancouver to play a return game.

DENVER NEWSPAPERMAN BUYS OUT TORTORICH

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—With the exception of his interest as main promoter of the Willard-Fulton contest for the heavyweight championship of the world, Dominick Tortorich, for the last ten years a prominent figure in the pugilistic world, is temporarily out of the fight game. He has sold his interest in the Tulane Athletic club to William F. Steele, a newspaper man of Denver.

The partnership existing between Burns and Tortorich has been ended.

In addition to purchasing the interest of

Mr. Tortorich, Mr. Steele also has taken

an option on the holdings of Tommy

Burns in the Tulane Athletic club, and

has until January 15 to exercise this option.

Together he and Tommy Burns will

operate several shows, and that the

prospects look good enough to both, it is

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JONES GOING EAST.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—Fielder

Jones, manager last season of the St.

Louis Federals, said to-night that he

would leave within a day or two for

St. Louis in response to a summons

from Phil Ball, majority owner of the

St. Louis Americans, who had tendered

the management of that team to Jones for 1916.

COWLER BEAT FLYNN.

New York, Dec. 24.—Tow Cowler re-

turned an easy winner over Dan

(Porky) Flynn at the American Sport-

ing club last night. Flynn sealing 198

pounds, was outweighed ten pounds

Flynn was on the ropes when the gong

ended the scheduled ten rounds.

JONES WILL BE IN CHARGE.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Phil Ball, chief

owner of the St. Louis Federals, and

Harry Sinclair, came to St. Louis from

Cincinnati to-day and conferred with

Otto Stiffel, another large stockholder in

the St. Louis Federals.

Mr. Ball said Jones would have absolute charge.

Taff Won't Talk.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 24.—Joseph

Garrettson, of Cincinnati, a member of the

Charles P. Taft hunting party, making

headquarters at the Taft ranch, near

here, telegraphed President Charles

Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, at

Mr. Taft's request, as follows:

"Mr. Taft is unwilling to make any

further statement regarding the transfer

of the Chicago National league team.

Nothing relative to the Cubs will be done

until Mr. Taft's return to Cincinnati, Jan-

uary 6."

It is probably that the Taff party will

leave for the north on January 1.

Reds Buy Moseley.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—The purchase of

Pitcher Moseley by the Cincinnati Na-

tional league

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On a bright autumn morning the district visitor was going her rounds. In the crowded passage of a broken-down tenement five or six small children looked at her in eager inquiry, and then turned coldly away. "Well, well, my dears," she said brightly. "I have never seen such grubby faces. Why don't you wash them?" "Please, we are waitin' for the angel," replied one small boy. "Angel? What angel?" asked the lady. "Why, the one who came here last week and gave Willie Smith a tanner to wash his face," was the answer.

SENSATIONS CROP UP IN PUGILISTIC RANKS

Les Darcy is Most Prominent of This Year's Phenoms

In the past year no fewer than half a dozen scrapers have sprouted up as championship contenders. They are Mike O'Dowd, welterweight of St. Paul; Les Darcy, the Australian, middleweight; Johnny Ertle, bantamweight; Fred Fulton, heavyweight; Ritchie Mitchell, featherweight; and Benny Leonard, lightweight.

Possibly the most sensational of all is the Australian middleweight Les Darcy. While still in his teens he is considered the greatest middleweight in the world. His defeats of all the American middleweight invaders of Australia has established his claim to the title, and should he defeat Eddie McDoarty in Sydney on Boxing Day his claim to the championship will be firmer than ever.

Another sensation is Johnny Ertle, the eighteen-year-old bantamweight "Kewpie," as he is nick-named, has been dropping all the 115-pounders, and disputes Kid Williams' claim to the bantamweight championship. Ertle and Williams met a few months ago, and in the fifth round the champion fouled, and was disqualified. However, as the bout was advertised as a no-decision ten-round-bout, the New York boxing commission refused to consider Ertle's claim to the championship. Or late "Kewpie" has been dropping all his opponents in big time. Just the other week he put a crimp in the title aspirants of Young Diggins, dropping him for the count in 45 seconds. A few days later had knocked out Young O'Leary, another likely aspirant for the title in three rounds. Ertle is just 18 years old, and can easily make the bantamweight poundage.

Ritchie Mitchell, who meets Johnny Kilbane at Cincinnati on New Year's Day is another ring star. His rise to the top of the ladder has been very rapid. A year ago Mitchell was considered only a second-rater, but now he is right on the top of the heap. He is just 19 years old and was born in Milwaukee. During the past year he has outpointed Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Dundee, Benny Leonard, and a score of other cracks.

In the welterweight division a sensation has cropped up in the person of Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul. He has been trouncing all the boys in that division and his claim to the title will soon be undisputed. He has defeated Soldier Bartfield and Kid Lewis, both very creditable feats.

Within the past two weeks a new lightweight has sprung into fame. This is Benny Leonard, the Mexican, who makes New York his home. Leonard first startled the fight enthusiasts by outpointing champion Freddie Welsh in a ten-round no-decision bout, when he battered the champion up pretty badly. Only this week in New York he knocked out Joe Mandot in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. His rapid rise was somewhat discounted on Wednesday night when he suffered a reverse at the hands of Ritchie Mitchell. Eastern fight fans predict a bright future for young Leonard.

Fred Fulton, the highly-touted Minnesota heavyweight, was hardly known in the fight game a year ago, and now he is talked of all over the globe. While Fulton's work has not been sensational, he is certainly being pushed to the front. On March 3 he battles Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship at New Orleans.

Duffy Comes Back.

Jimmy Duffy, making his initial appearance since suffering defeat at the hands of Ted Lewis, defeated Frankie Duley at Johnstown the other night in a ten-round bout. Duffy had the better of every round.

A CHRISTMAS HOMILY

By DECIMAL SEVEN.

Christmas calls the world once more to Bethlehem. This annual pilgrimage to the lowly cradle of the Christ is a mighty factor in the upward movement of the race. Hearts that have grown hard get their softening; purse-strings that have grown taunt, their loosening; for a short while at least we forget ourselves and enter into the gracious sacrament of service. This is the grand and never-failing remedy for many of the ills of life—thought for others, and in so far as we enter into this true spirit of Christmas are we made truly happy.

In the olden days the Romans knew no distinction between the rich and poor on this festival; on other days the lines were drawn sharply enough; for one day the fences were down, and the universal brotherhood was observed.

We are tempted to think that it would be better for us to encourage this blessed spirit of Christmas-tide a little oftener in these modern and feverish days of ours. We are very busy, it is true, and the pressure of life is greater perhaps to-day than ever; that is to say, much more is required of us in a given time than was required of our forbears. But when we come to ask ourselves "What is it all for?" it is difficult to find a sane and satisfactory answer. A young man starting out in life is generally told to "make his fortune," whatever that may mean. The observant will have noted the haggard procession whose chief concern seems to be to make money; there is nothing particularly inviting in this programme to the intelligent and thoughtful mind, an experience undoubtedly shows that it seldom, if ever, really satisfies. With the advance of education, mere money-making will be classed, as it well deserves to be, among the sordid pursuits to which no man who desires to live the fullest life can

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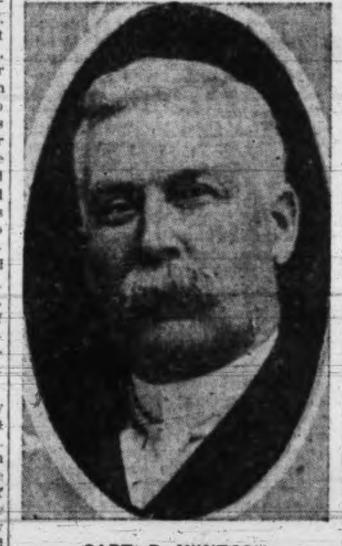
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CAPTAIN M'INTOSH TO BE CANDIDATE

Will Offer Himself for Election at Forthcoming Aldermanic Poll

Captain McIntosh, former school trustee, and well known business man, will be a candidate at the aldermanic election in January. In coming fore-ward he has complied with the requests of a large number of friends. His entry into the race is not unexpected, because he polled very well in the annual election of 1914, and was only 20



CAPT. D. M'INTOSH

votes behind the late Alderman McKinnick at the bye-election in August last year.

Captain McIntosh, who is a well known figure in the city, was four years on the city school board, and took an active part in the last convention of the B. C. School Trustees association held here. He was a candidate last January, but withdrew with others on nomination day in the vain attempt to save a contested election. He states that if elected he will support a policy of retrenchment, consistent with the maintenance of the efficiency of departments.

SUIT FOR TAXES

Action Heard in Supreme Court in Connection With Lease of Yates Street Property.

Mr. Justice Gregory yesterday afternoon heard evidence in the action of Mrs. Johnson against Perry Finch in which she sued for payment of taxes on the property on Yates street formerly owned by the late Dr. Frank Hall. Arguments of counsel are to be heard next week.

Mrs. Johnston inherited the property under the will of Dr. Hall, and later leased it for a term of years to Mr. Finch. There was a clause in the lease making the tenant subject to payment of taxes. Mr. Finch claimed he was not aware of this clause and had not undertaken to pay taxes. The lease had given him an option to purchase the property, but this right had not been exercised.

MUNITION WORKERS

Some Local Dependents Already Have Been Admitted to List.

Definite information has been received from the deputy minister of labor (F. A. Ackland) with regard to the payment of allowances to munition workers' dependents in Victoria and district.

Of the list sent by John Day to the department, it is stated that four of the 29 names submitted are already on the list of those receiving allowances. Forty-nine local claimants have lodged claims with the department at Ottawa, twenty-five are receiving pay, and twenty-four cases are held up pending the necessary verification papers.

Of the twenty-five other names on Mr. Day's list, seventeen are being favorably considered, and await verification papers through the usual channels in England, while eight others had not lodged any claim with Ottawa previously.

The names of the eight new claimants will be obtained, with a view to looking after their interests, as the message does not specify any names.

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Big Liner in Trouble

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Rescued from the waterlogged, mastless hulk of the schooner Grace Seymour about 175 miles west of the Irish coast six weeks after they had sailed from New York for Rouen, France, with a cargo of oil, Capt. Pennewell, Mate Wright, and the crew of five men arrived here last night from Lewes, where they were landed yesterday from the Greek steamer Iossifoglou. Heavy weather was encountered soon after the schooner had started on her voyage, and gale followed gale.

Three weeks after the vessel had left Port Truro she was found to be leaking badly. Pumps were worked night and day until the supply of gasoline was exhausted and it was necessary to pump by hand to prevent the flooding of the vessel from the open seams in the hull.

In spite of these efforts, the vessel became waterlogged and on the morning of Dec. 4 it was necessary to cut away all three masts. Five hours later the big steamer appeared in answer to signals of distress and took aboard Capt. Pennewell and his crew.

The Grace Seymour was a three-masted schooner of about 500 tons and was owned by Howard Compton, of Leesburg, N. J. She had been used for coastwise trade until this voyage, when extensive repairs were made in preparation for the trip to France.

When asked whether anything beyond the heavy weather had contributed to the opening of the vessel's seams, Wright declared he would not talk until he had seen the owners.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Greek steamship Thessaloniki from Greek ports to New York, was reported to-day by wireless as having been so damaged by rough weather as to necessitate her sending out wireless calls for assistance. The Italian steamer Stampalia went to the ship's aid but the Thessaloniki was able later to proceed toward New York. The Thessaloniki has aboard 300 passengers.

**SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO
UTILIZE INTERNED SHIPS**

Madrid, Dec. 23.—Owing to the scarcity of steamship tonnage, the government has taken into consideration the question of purchasing or chartering German and Austrian steamers detained in Spanish ports. The director-general of commerce caused an investigation to be made which shows enemy ships of over 100,000 tonnage detained in Spanish ports, and all are at present unproductive. Two sets of opinions exist in the Spanish cabinet. Director-General of Commerce Sala favors acquisition of the ships by the state, while Senor Urrutia, minister of finance, considers that if the scheme is feasible it should be carried out with private capital.

**CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN
C. P. OCEAN SERVICES**

Montreal, Dec. 24.—According to a circular just issued, H. S. Carmichael is appointed passenger and freight manager of the newly consolidated Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, with headquarters in London, Eng. It is understood that Captain J. T. Walsh, R. N. R., formerly marine superintendent, has been appointed assistant manager of the new company, while Mr. W. G. Annable has been appointed general passenger agent for the Atlantic services, and Mr. C. E. Benjamin passenger agent for the Pacific services, all with headquarters at Montreal.

**GREAT NORTHERN CHANGES
CREW SURVIVES PERILS**

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Cal. E. Stone, of San Francisco, has been chosen as the first passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern railway, and will succeed Howard A. Nelson, general passenger agent.

The selection of Mr. Stone for this position is the result of his success as passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, which with two boats there would

**LIFE-SAVING TUG IS
REQUIRED FOR COAST**

Thorough Investigation of Appliance Shows This Craft to Be Best

**COULD MAINTAIN FINE
PATROL WITH SNOHOMISH**

U. S. and Canadian Governments Could Arrange Matters

After a thorough investigation of the advantages of the various life-saving appliances at present in existence, it appears indisputable that a life-saving tug, of similar type to the Snohomish, in the employ of the United States, is what is required off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Lifeboats would be of great assistance if a wreck occurred within a short distance of their stations, but the great thing to be considered is to stop a helpless ship from running ashore. A craft with plenty of power, capable of standing any weather, and equipped with heavy towing-haws, is the only solution of the problem. If a ship in distress were sighted, the tug could set off after her and most likely could put a line aboard before she got into the breakers. If she could not save the ship, then she could lower a lifeboat and slack it to the wreck and take off those on board.

The Snohomish is 152 feet long, has a beam of 29 feet and draws 15 feet of water. She was built at Dusey & Jones, Wilmington, Del., and was launched in the summer of 1902, arriving at Seattle during the spring of the following year. She cost approximately \$30,000. Equipped with triple expansion engines, developing 1,600 horsepower, she can steam 15 knots an hour. She carries 200 tons of coal and a water capacity of 75 tons. She has a cruising radius of 4,200 miles and makes 23 knots on one ton of coal.

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She carries the usual supply of pumps, and in addition has a seven-inch suction wrecking pump.

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SIGHTING A DERELICT**NO LINERS ARE DUE
IN PORT TO-MORROW**

Chicago Maru Reports She Will Arrive on Monday; Other Jap Ships Coming

Word came by wireless this morning from Capt. Hori, master of the Osaka Shosen Kaiwa liner Chicago Maru, that he would arrive at William Head noon on Monday. She is expected to dock here at 1:30 o'clock to discharge 762 tons of general cargo. The Chicago Maru has been experiencing heavy weather on the passage from Yokohama and Capt. Hori in his radiogram asked for a bath survey at Victoria.

Shipping men are feeling in high spirits to-day, as far as they can see at present there will be no ships at the outer docks to-morrow. Several boats were expected either to-morrow, Sunday or Monday, but fortunately they are all holding back till the first of the week. The Shimpaku Maru and the Salkai Maru, two extra steamships placed in the Pacific routes by the Osaka line, are expected on Monday, but the heavy weather outside may further delay them.

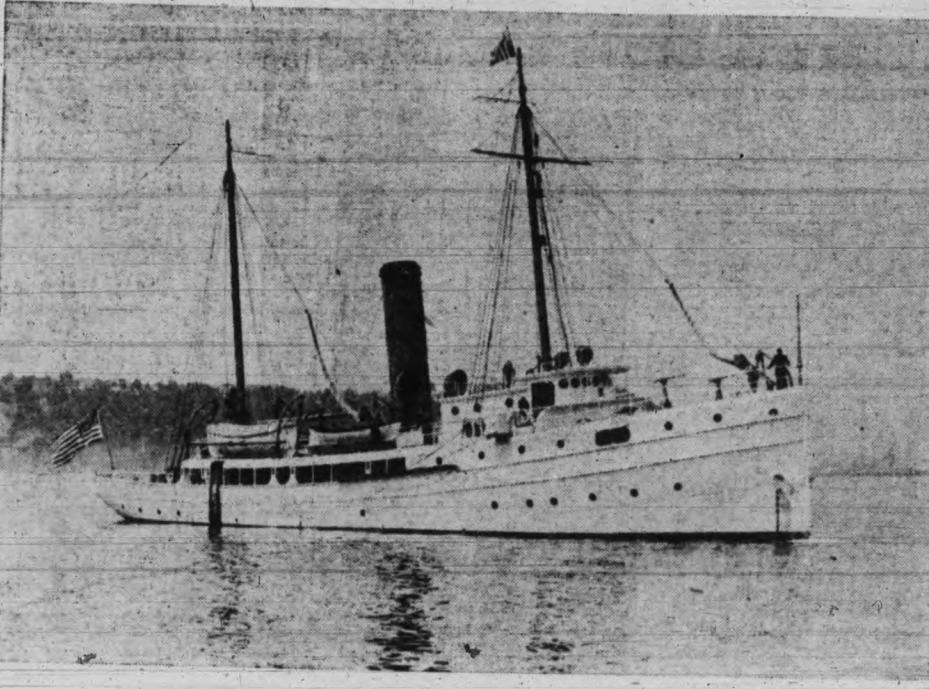
Aki Maru Coming.

Another Japanese liner due here next week is the Aki Maru, Capt. Noma, of the Nippon Yusen Kaiwa. She is booked for Thursday and has a large cargo to discharge at this port. The vessel is also carrying many passengers and a number of Orientals will disembark at this port.

The Blue Funnel liner Titan, Capt. Read, may reach port next Saturday from the Orient with her valuable cargo of silk and general merchandise.

Tenerife, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Str. Kestra, from Seattle.

Capt. Broadbent, head of the coast patrol service, was glad to learn of the movement. When asked if he thought the United States government would be prepared with Canada, providing a life-saving tug was built, to maintain a systematic patrol of the west coast, the official said that he did not think there would be any objection, but of course it would have to be dealt with by Washington. His candid opinion was that with two boats there would

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**LIGHTHOUSE TENDERS
ALL IN FOR HOLIDAY**

First Time in Three Years They Have Been in; Quadra and Leeboe Have Rough Trip

For the first time in three years the three lighthouse tenders will be able to spend Christmas and New Year's Days in port. This morning the Quadra, Capt. Leblanc, arrived from the north and the Leeboe, Capt. Hunter, came in from the Gulf of Georgia, where she has been building beacon for the past month. The Estevan, Capt. Barnes, slipped into the harbor on Wednesday morning. The three tenders have been on very long cruises and their boilers have to be blown-down and the engines given a brief overhaul.

All hands, from the captains down to the cabin boys, are exceedingly glad to be able to spend Christmas with their families and are overjoyed at the prospects of being home for New Year's too. All hands worked hard on the last cruise to be done in time and if any delays had been experienced there would have been several disappointed crews.

Beacon Washed Away.

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ANGLICAN.

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett avenue. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m., preacher, the bishop; children's Christmas service, 3:30; holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m., preacher, the dean.

St. Matthias' Mission, Wolvey street, Fowey Bay. Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening with sermon at 7 p. m.

St. Barnabas', corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins, 10:30 a. m.; choral celebration, 11 a. m.; children's service, 2:30 p. m.; evensong, 4 p. m.; Rector will preach at both services.

St. Mark's, Boleskine road.* Rev. J. W. Flint, vicar. Holy eucharist, litany and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burne street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; military parade, 9:30 a. m.; matins and sermon at 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30; holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m. Rev. H. A. Davies, M. A., rector.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West—Rector, Robert Connell. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and intercession at 7 p. m.

St. John's, corner of Quadra and Mason. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M. A. Daily communion, 8; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30; evening prayer and carol service, 7:30 p. m.

St. Paul's Royal Naval Station and Garrison church, Esquimalt. Rector, Rev. W. Baugh Allen. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 10:30; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evensong and sermon at 7 p. m.

Pemberton Memorial Chapel. Morning prayer, hymns and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and residents of the neighborhood cordially invited to attend.

St. Jude's Mission, Obed avenue. Rev. M. F. Hilton. Matins and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evensong and sermon at 7 p. m.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanshard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. de B. Smith. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Joseph's church, Esquimalt. Holy communion at 7:45 a. m.; mass, sermon

First Unitarian Church

Corner Fisgard Street and Fernwood Road

SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11 A. M. The minister, Rev. W. G. Letham, B. A., will preach.

Subject:

"CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND BATTLEFIELDS"

The Unitarian Church is a church of the Modern Progressive Spirit; seeking Freedom, Fellowship, Character and Social Regeneration as the aims of religion. Its membership is free from all creedal restrictions.

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Sunday school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

Burnside, corner of Burnside and Millgrove roads. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Fairfield, temporary premises, corner of Fairfield and Esquimalt, Moss street. Rev. A. B. Osterhout will preach at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30.

Hampshire road. Special Christmas service. Pastor, Rev. A. C. Currie.

Wesley, McPherson avenue, Victoria West. Pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Regular services at 11 and 7:30.

James Bay, corner Menzies and Michigan streets. Rev. F. N. Stapleford, M. A. B. D. pastor, at 11 a. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes, 2:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30.

Oaklands, Gosworth road. Sunday school and adult Bible class, 11 a. m.; evening services, 7:30.

Belmont avenue. Rev. John Robson, B. A., pastor. Services at 11 and 7:30 by the pastor. Sabbath school at 2:30.

Garden City—Carey road. Sunday school, 11 a. m.; preaching service, 7:30 p. m.

Esquimalt, corner Admirals road and Lyall street. Pastor, Rev. R. Hughes. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

OTHER MEETINGS

Cronnaught Seamen's Institute. J. Connacht Hill, secretary and port missionary.

The Psychical Research society will hold their Sunday services in the hall, 145 Courtney street, at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Conference, Mrs. M. A. Banks, of Liverpool, England.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meet in Victoria hall, 145 Blanshard street, near Pandora street. Sunday, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 2:30 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., gospel meeting.

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel hall, corner Hillside avenue and Victoria street. Lord's day, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 11 a. m., school and adult Bible class, 7:30 p. m., bright Gospel service.

The Theosophical Society meets 8 to 9 p. m. Friday, and from 3 to 4 p. m. Wednesday, at 232 Campbell building.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hillside avenue and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10:30; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Welsh services, Knights of Columbus Hall, Fort street, 7:30 p. m.

Strangers' Rest Service will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7:30 by Mrs. Bury and Miss Bury.

Progressive women's Temple, corner Pandosy and Blanshard streets. Dr. T. W. Burton will lecture at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Children's school at 3 p. m.

The Divine Psycho Society will hold service at 7:30 Herald street on Sunday evening at 7:30. Soul messages after the lecture. Mrs. E. Rees will lecture.

Universal Spiritualists, 145 Yates street. Every Sunday, 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' hall, 122 Douglas, corner Johnson, Pastor, W. E. Ansley, Vancouver.

First Dominion Theatre building, Yates street. Rev. J. B. Warnicker will conduct the services at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2:30. Choral service, 8 p. m.

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Great Britain..... 15. Germany..... 3

France..... 5. Russia..... 4

Total for allies, 24. Total for enemy, 3.

Balance in favor of allies 21—equal to the whole strength of the enemy's fleet at the outbreak of the war.

Nor does this exhaust our potential increased strength. We must not omit the indirect results accruing from the intervention of Italy. The fleet of our Mediterranean ally is stronger than that of Austria. The allies were therefore rendered this great service, that a part at least of the French fleet which confined the Austrians to their ports in the Adriatic was relieved for the purpose of strengthening the British in this North Sea—if desired essential. To the allies, therefore, in their main task of waiting for and destroying the German fleet a still further increase of power was indirectly acquired by Italy's intervention.

These combined factors reveal a dismal situation for Germany.

The question we have to answer is,

What is the relative strength of the allies versus the German navy to-day?

The censor is not fond of having this subject discussed, but if we adhere to official statements we shall avoid the blue pencil. Mr. Churchill is our guide for the present strength of the British navy. He has indicated that at the beginning of the war Britain possessed 21 dreadnoughts, against Germany's 21. Commenting on the ships building, he further declared that by December, 1916, we should receive 15 new dreadnoughts, whereas Germany's additions could not possibly exceed three. At a later stage the expert lord departed from the precise figure of 15 by remarking that the British navy would receive "incredible reinforcements." We may infer from this indefinite utterance that the admiralty has some cards up its sleeve regarding still further increases to the navy. That may be safely accepted.

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we have an addition by the two leading naval powers on the allied side of 20 dreadnoughts. This new accession of strength, it may be observed, is almost exactly what the whole German navy consisted of prior to the war—20 against 21. These latest vessels of the allies, it must also be remembered, are of much greater power individually than any ship in the German navy completed before the war. The Germans' biggest gun was 12-inch. Almost half of the fifteen new British ships will have weapons of 15 inches. The new French dreadnoughts are known to be of the Bretagne class, each mounting ten guns of 13.4-inch. They are very much like the Benbow—the last dreadnought battleship launched on the Clyde prior to the war. The French ships have this distinguishing characteristic that they are equipped with a very powerful secondary armament. Our ships of corresponding weight (those of 13.5') carry either sixteen guns of 4 inches or twelve of 6 inches. The new French battleships are equipped with twenty-two of 6.1 inches. France is, moreover, adding this year two more ships than Germany—5 against 3.

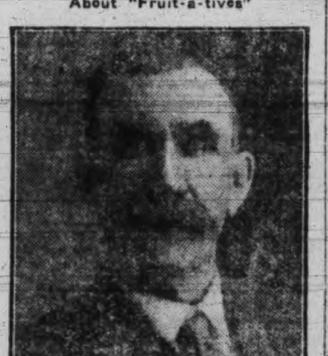
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WILL WE EVER WALK ON AIR?

Train of Thought Inspired by a Letter About "Fruit-a-tives"



MR. D. MCLEAN

"Orillia, Ont., Nov. 28, 1914.

"For over two years I was troubled with Constipation, Drowsiness, Lack of Appetite and Headaches. I tried several medicines, but got no results and my Headaches became more severe. One day I saw your sign which read 'Fruit-a-tives' make you feel like walking on air. This appealed to me, so I decided to try a box. In a very short time I began to feel better, and now I feel fine. Now I have a good appetite, relish everything I eat, and the Headaches are gone entirely. I cannot say too much for 'Fruit-a-tives,' and recommend this pleasant fruit medicine to all my friends."

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Before the war a German naval officer published a volume entitled, "The Great Debate," in which was correctly foreshadowed the naval policy of retiring into the seclusion of the Kiel Canal so soon as a war with Britain began. It declared, however, that as the people began to experience the pressure of poverty, consequent upon the strangulation of their commerce and industry, a clamor would arise against this policy of confined inactivity, which would compel the authorities to attempt the task of fighting for the supremacy of the sea. The result, he prophesied, would be the complete "debacle" of the German fleet. The satirist might add that the author may be forgiven for the failure of that part of his prophecy relating to the people's agitation. He was considering a naval war with Britain, not a great European war. The people he conceived are either killed, or are at the front or in military workshops. There is no German nation today. It is disorganized and disbanding as a force capable of expressing national views. None of the nations engaged in the war is so much dispossessed of power to appeal or agitate as Germany, and more than ever its voice is the voice of the "Junker."

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is argued, would have demolished Europe into fragments. This is to speak precipitately. A nation which has been preparing for twenty years, accumulating strength upon strength, calculating her necessities far beyond actual needs, in order to eliminate the unforeseen unexpected, which always arises—and did arise—would not blunder so egregiously as to anticipate the psychological moment for the deliverance of her blow by a number of years. Such a blow is common; nevertheless it is incorrect.

Germany was compelled by the menace of new Russian developments to take the plunge in 1914. In three years' time Russia would have completed a scheme of new internal strategic railways destined to neutralize much of Germany's preponderating transport advantages for the prosecution of a war with Russia. And transport advantages were indispensable to Germany, inasmuch as Russia possessed overwhelming advantages in numbers. The Teutonic strategic advantages in transport are handsomely admitted by General Kropatkin in his volumes on the German Kriegsamt.

That was one reason why Germany stood to lose by delay. There was another even more dangerous. This was the development of the Russian fleet.

The drama had voted \$70,000,000 for its construction. In March, 1914, von Tirpitz, reviewing in the German reichstag the developments of Russia's fleet,

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TONKS-BENNALLACK—At the Metropolitan church manse, Victoria, B. C., on December 22, 1915, Vincent Tonks, of Bilton, England, to Florence Maud Bennallack, of Plymouth, England.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Thos. J. Burns and family wish to express their appreciation to the many dear friends for kind sympathy extended personally and by letter in their late sad bereavement.

NOTICE

Take notice that a meeting of the Creditors of the ISLAND REALTY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the office of the Company, 100 Water Street, Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday the 4th day of January, A. D. 1916, at the hour of 1.30 o’clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of determining whether an application shall be made to the Court for the appointment of any person as Liquidator in the place of or jointly with the undersigned Liquidator appointed by the Company.

C. FOWLER,
Liquidator.

TENDERS.
The Board of School Trustees of Saanich will receive offers of two acres more or less for a school site for Tillicum school. The property must not be great distance from the intersection of Burnside and Tillicum roads.

Tenders, with description of property and price, must be in the hands of the undersigned on or before January 2 at 12 noon.

J. R. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary,
Royal Oak.

VANCOUVER VISITOR VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Knocked Down by Motor Car as He Was Crossing the Causeway to the Docks

Ernest Whiteside, 377 Cadboro street, Vancouver, was seriously injured late yesterday afternoon when he stepped from the curb in front of the Empress hotel and was knocked down and run over by a heavy motor car.

Mr. Whiteside and Ross Jones, a friend, also of Vancouver, were on their way to the steamer dock to take the boat home, and the occupants of the car—Lieut.-Col. Heneker, Major Spurpin, Capt. N. A. Foster and Pte. Brockhurst, all of the 103rd Regiment—were on their way to the same place. The car was driven by Edward Tracy.

Apparently the two pedestrians did not see the car as it came along close to the curb to take the curve into Belleville street, and they stepped out into the roadway immediately in front of it. Tracy put on his brakes the moment he saw the men step down, and bystanders say the car was not traveling more than ten miles an hour. It stopped within a few feet, but not before the front wheels had gone over Mr. Whiteside as he lay where the impact of the blow had knocked him to the pavement.

He was unconscious when he was picked up by the occupants of the car, and they immediately placed him in it and hurried him to St. Joseph’s hospital. There it was found that he had sustained a fractured collar-bone and serious internal injuries. Dr. Melville Raynor is attending him. He passed a good night, and this afternoon he is a little better, there being now excellent hopes that he will recover.

Mr. Jones was also knocked down at the same time as his friend, but he was not injured, and was on his feet at once. He notified Mr. Whiteside’s father, who lives in Nanaimo and came down to-day to see him.

Sayres was proceeding at a very moderate speed, and that he sounded his horn and threw on the emergency brake as soon as he saw that the two men were stepping out in front of his car. It was quite impossible to avoid the accident.

Sayres says he was proceeding at a very particular interest will be the appearance for the first time at any of these gatherings of Miss Helen Badgley, a gifted and experienced elocutionist, who will give a number of sketches, dramatic, humorous and otherwise. Miss Badgley quite recently opened classes in the city for the training of elocutionists, readers, and public speakers, and already has achieved quite a success for her capable manner of conducting these. Later (March 13) the results of her teaching will be seen at an entertainment to be given by the McGill college students of this city.

Appended is the programme for Tuesday next at the Alexandra club:

O. Canada Prose Sketch (Humorous) Miss Badgley.

Violin Solo W. Balagno.

Comedy Character Sketches—

A Very Little Boy Wilbur Nesbitt

A Colored Girl—Paul Lawrence Dunbar

A French-Canadian Farmer Wm. Henry Drummond

An Old Lady (rural type) Anonymous

An Irish Youth Nixon Waterman

A Very Little Girl—Edmund Vance Cooke Miss Badgley.

Song—Selected Miss Logrin.

Violin Solo W. Balagno.

The English Flag Kipling

God Save the King Miss Badgley.

Accompanist, Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

CHURCH SERVICES IN ST. JOHN’S—On Sunday evening next, December 26, the annual carol service will be held at St. Saviour’s church, Victoria West. Mrs. Bennett will sing “Come Unto Him” (Messiah) and the solo part in Sullivan’s “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.” Numerous carols will be sung by the choir. The service will commence at 7 p. m.

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Christmas Services in St. John’s—

On Christmas day there will be Holy communion at 8 a. m., and morning prayer followed by holy communion at 11 a. m. The rector, Rev. F. A. Chadwick, will be assisted in the communion service at 11 o’clock by Rev. F. H. Fatt. On Sunday Christmas music will be rendered and in the evening there will be the Christmas Carol Service, when the choirs and congregation will join in the singing of the old Christmas carols.

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REVOLT IN CHINESE PROVINCE OF YUNNAN

Tsai Ao Leading Movement to Prevent Restoration of Monarchy

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary movement under the leadership of Tsai Ao, former military governor of the province of Yunnan, has broken out. The government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt. The troops have been sent from Szechuan province in western China bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yuan Nanfu, in Yunnan province.

Tsai Ao is a bitter opponent of the monarchy, which is to be restored, with Yuan Shih Kai on the throne! The government troops in Yunnan province have not joined the revolt, the latest advices indicating that they still are loyal. The neighboring provinces are not affected.

Tsai Ao recently resigned a bureau chiefship at Peking, allying his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunnan, where he had been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, who at late is reported to have been conducting a revolutionary propaganda.

It will require about two weeks of marching through the mountains for the troops from Szechuan province to reach Yunnan.

POLES ARE SUFFERING UNDER GERMAN RULE

New York, Dec. 24.—More than four million Poles are destitute and entirely dependent upon soup kitchens, according to William H. Hamilton, of the American Mercy Relief committee, who arrived here on the liner Rotterdam. "Every day in Warsaw," he said, "I saw long lines of old men, women and children waiting for four and five hours to get a quarter of a pound of bread and a pail of carrot soup. If relief does not reach them quickly they will not be able to endure the winter."

ACCEPTABLE GIFT.

New York, Dec. 24.—Between 6,000 and 7,000 employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company to-day received a Christmas gift from the company in the shape of an annual wage increase totalling \$250,000.

The old negro had been arrested for "having more than one wife," the last woman being the complainant. He happened to be well known locally and an orderly character. "How many wives have you had?" demanded the judge. "Six, yo' honor," was the reply. "Why couldn't you get along with them?" the judge insisted. "Well, suh—de rust two spiled de white folks clothes when dey washed 'em; de thud worn't no cook; de fo'fie jes nacherally lazy-en'-de fie—I'll tell you, Jega-de fie, she—" "Incompatibility," the court suggested. "No, yo' honor, said the old negro, slowly, "it worn't nothin' like dat. Yo' jes couldn't get along wid her unless yo' wuz somewhars else."

PARLIAMENT WILL BE ASKED TO ACT

Probable Temperance Organizations Will Urge Prohibition in Canada During War

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Some consideration is sure to be given to the question of prohibition at the session of parliament which opens on Wednesday, January 12. Whether or not a federal bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor throughout Canada will be introduced depends on developments. That the government will be asked by the temperance organizations to pass such legislation is certain.

The correspondent of the Times has been reliably informed that a Dominion-wide campaign in favor of the enactment of a federal measure to control the liquor traffic during the war period is about to be started. The temperance people say that their plans are not fully matured, but that the government and the people will be made fully acquainted with them before the house meets. They are of the opinion that the government has full power to alter the War Measure Act to stop all manufacture of and traffic in liquor while the act remains in force. It is thought they are right because the War Measures Act give the government the right to do almost anything it desires to do in connection with war legislation.

Presumably the temperance forces propose to mobilize and bombard the government and the parliament with petitions and arguments in favor of restriction of the traffic. Undoubtedly the temperance people will find many advocates of their cause on both sides of the house. It is quite conceivable, therefore, that the pressure might become so strong that the government could not refuse to introduce at least a restrictive measure.

At any rate the proposals of the temperance people promise to be an exceedingly interesting feature of the approaching session.

AMERICAN FRUIT IS RELEASED BY BRITISH

London, Dec. 24.—The North Pacific Fruit Distributors' association, representing 10,000 Washington and Oregon growers, received a welcome Christmas present to-day in the form of the release of its huge consignments of fruit, seized by British warships while "on" the way to Scandinavian countries.

With the exception of a consignment of apples to Denmark for which no undertaking has been given, the fruit was released unconditionally. The majority of the shipments were on board Norwegian steamships. The steamer Hollig Olav served as a test case for the various seizures.

Among the released consignments were six thousand cases of apples.

CHRISTMAS BONUS.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Grafton & Knight Manufacturing Company to-day distributed \$85,000 among its 1,500 employees as bonuses for loyalty during the past year in an unprecedented rush of business.

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Other Issues Advancing Today Included Granby and Rambler Cariboo

Earnings Warranting Increased Dividends and Buying is Promoted

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 24.—An excellent character of buying persisted in the rail department. Strength in copper metal inspired a continuance of buying in copper shares, but profit-taking brought a reaction at the end. The news with regard to the Austrian affair was reassuring. It is predicted with confidence that the New York Central will increase its dividends in the first quarter in the New Year, and the subsequent increases in net earnings recorded by principal railroad systems are lending color to the belief that larger disbursements may be made in the near future by various important properties.

During the past few days there has been noticeable buying by holders of securities who are anticipating their January disbursements and demands of that kind, as much perhaps as anything else, have been responsible for the upturn in the stock list.

Howe Sound reached the five-dollar level as a tail-end movement which had its start in the New York curb market, where holdings are centralized. Tendency of this issue heretofore has been to maintain a firm but conservative price condition and the present advance represents greater enthusiasm on the part of bullish interests.

Another dollar was added to the bid figure of Granby, making the third section of strength, and Rambler Cariboo was included in the coterie of advancing stocks. Bidding for Coronation left \$1 as the final quotation, while a small offering was thrust into the market at two cents above that mark. Lucky Jim recorded a slight reaction, sacrificing one-eighth of yesterday's half-point gain.

Courtenay Cases.

Courtenay, Dec. 24.—Provincial Constables Hannay and Macdonald raided an opium den at Cumberland and arrested six Chinamen and a white woman named Pearl Lee, aged 23, of Vancouver. They were all tried yesterday and fined. Fines were imposed in several adjourned cases of a similar nature.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The market opened higher and had a strong run and closed at an advance for the day of 14 to 24 cents. It was a most unusual holiday market as far as futures were concerned, and there was no hesitancy about going long over the holiday. The best buying was May and June delivery. It was all by strong houses. Cash was very dull all morning. No. 1 and No. 2 Northern had been delivered through the clearing house to the tune of 60,500 bushels. Oats was a very strong market, being wanted on government contracts, but the advance at the close was small. There probably has never been a holiday market where so much actual trading was done.

Wheat.

Open Close.

Dec. 118 117

May 129-127

July 121 121

Oats.

Open Close.

Dec. 121 121

May 136 136

July 135 135

Flax.

Open Close.

Dec. 187 187

May 196 196

July 196 196

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nov. 116; 2 Nov. 124; 3 Nov. 124.

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Wheat.

Open Close.

Dec. 118 117

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July 121 121

Oats.

Open Close.

Dec. 121 121

May 136 136

July 135 135

Corn.

Open Close.

Dec. 72 72

May 73 73

July 75 75

Crown Reserve.

Open Close.

Dec. 56 55

May 55 55

July 55 55

Cedar Rapids.

Open Close.

Dec. 71 71

May 71 71

July 71 71

C.S. com.

Open Close.

Dec. 70 70

May 70 70

July 70 70

Dom. Bridge.

Open Close.

Dec. 228 228

May 228 228

July 228 228

Dom. United.

Open Close.

Dec. 70 70

May 70 70

July 70 70

Dom. Canada.

Open Close.

Dec. 21 21

May 21 21

July 21 21

Dom. I. & S. com.

Open Close.

Dec. 47 47

May 47 47

July 47 47

Dom. Power.

Open Close.

Dec. 100 100

May 100 100

July 100 100

Ogilvie Flour Mig.

Open Close.

Dec. 120 120

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Pennans, Esq.

Open Close.

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HIGH INSURANCE RATES DEPRESSED

Matter is Again Subject of Reference by Aldermen; Fire Chief's Salary

"I hope you will give us better fire insurance rates, because we are simply paying in the city of Victoria for the neglect of other cities, and I do not think that we should be punished for other cities' neglect," said Alderman McNeil, addressing a deputation from the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' association, who waited on the estimates committee of the city council last evening to urge the council to raise the remuneration of the fire chief in order that the services of that official should be retained.

R. S. Day and James Forman supported the action of the committee of the underwriters' association who had urged on Chief Davis to remain here, in view of the offer already reported in the Times from a firm of fire-extinguishing apparatus makers. From the board of trade Capt. Logan and J. O. Cameron presented a resolution, which deprecated any attempt to cut the salary of the chief in 1916.

Mr. Day said the underwriters' association "considered the fire chief had placed the department in a most efficient and most excellent state, and that it would be a great mistake for the sake of a small salary increase to lose his services when the efficiency of the department was admitted to be among the best in the Dominion of Canada. He had been informed that the chief feared his salary might be reduced." If the council would go half way in adding \$25 a month to the present salary, he believed the chief's decision would be influenced. It would be a calamity to have the chief leave on account of a small difference in salary.

The chief had secured many economies, and had brought up his department to a remarkable pitch of efficiency. "Not only as underwriters, but as agents of large taxpayers and as tolerably large taxpayers themselves individually they felt justified in making the appeal. Mr. Day explained that the manager of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency (Mr. Holland) supported the object of the deputation. Finally Mr. Day appealed that "the fire chief is entitled to a little different treatment from every other official in the city employment, because he is subject to call at all hours."

In answer to a question, it was stated that the loss by fire this year has been only \$25,000.

Mr. Forman supported the case of his colleague. He pointed to the economies effected under Chief Davis. The difference of salary was trifling to small taxpayers, and large taxpayers were in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Cameron spoke briefly, while Capt. Logan declared that he had been so impressed at the Otter steamer fire that he had recommended Lloyd's salvage interests to give a bonus to the men, which course had been adopted. He considered the chief a live wire.

Alderman McNeil said that in thinking the council contemplated cutting the chief's salary, the delegation was laboring under a misapprehension.

Alderman Todd declared that no member of the council, so far as he was aware, intended to cut any sum off the salary of the chief. As to an increase, that was a very different matter, because the council did not want to give increases. If the premiums came down, the fire underwriters would practically force the taxpayers to raise the chief's salary, and thereby they would attain the object sought.

Consideration of the request of the deputation was promised. A committee composed of Aldermen Fullerton, McNeil and Todd was subsequently appointed to meet the chief and report next Monday.

"Could you be happy with a man like me?" a wealthy old man asked a young girl. "Yes, perhaps," she answered, "if he wasn't too much like you."

PERSONALS.

Well-known Women.

Chatham, Ont.—"I was sick for about four years. Got very weak, could not eat to amount to anything. I got very thin and had no strength at all. I was very much discouraged at times—thought I was never going to get better. I could not walk a block without feeling all tired-out. I took different medicines but did not get the help I needed. A friend of mine advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I began to take it with the Pleasant Pellets—and by the time I had taken two bottles I was well on the road to recovery, and in six months I was entirely well. My appetite came back and I gained in flesh. Now I am as strong and healthy as any one could wish to be. I owe it all to Dr. Pierce's medicine and I am glad of the opportunity to give testimony in their favor, they have done wonders for me."—Miss TRELLA PARKER, 141 E. King St.

Chatham, Ont.—"I have taken Dr. Pierce's medicine with good results. I was weak and run down, lost my appetite and got very thin. I took 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pleasant Pellets' and these two medicines built me up in a very short space of time so that I felt as well as ever. I found them to be all that is recommended of them; they are good."—Mrs. WM. WESE, Cor. Taylor & Grand Ave., E., Chatham, Ont.

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PRUNING CONTINUES OF CIVIC ESTIMATES

Total of \$220,000 Has Been Cut to Date; Engineering Department Vote

When the civic estimates committee rose after a three-hour session last evening Alderman McNeil, chairman of the finance committee, said that the total pruning during the four sessions had been \$219,382, on the estimates as presented. There would be a small additional reduction, he thought, at the next sitting, but the total cut could not reach a much higher figure.

Some considerable reductions were made last evening in the engineering department. The salaries of the engineers naturally occupied some time. It was unanimously agreed to segregate the time of engineers engaged on the northwest sewer, to charge to the loan. The mayor undertook to see Mr. Rust with regard to his personal position, and that of the assistant engineer, who, it was stated, was now acting as superintendent of sewer construction as well. Indications were given that Mr. Foreman may not stay with the city after the trunk sewer is finished. Information which aroused both surprise and regret.

Alderman Sargent quoted the figures of rates-of-salary-for-engineers in cities as follows: Calgary, \$4,000; Spokane, \$3,600; Vancouver, \$3,000; and Portland, \$4,200.

Alderman Fullerton, answering a suggestion to leave the matter with their successors, said he did not think the council would be justified in evading a decision on a subject to which public comment had been increasing directed.

Alderman Todd moved that the council should pass a recommendation to hand on to its successors, to have a comprehensive report on the matter of engineering expenses made early in the new year. Alderman Okell seconded the resolution which will be adopted after the mayor has reported on his conversation with the engineer.

It was stated that the returns showed the elimination of 15 members of the engineering staff in a short period, as work decreased, and that when the northwest sewer is finished, the number can be further curtailed.

Among the votes struck out in this department were \$6,000 for Hereward road bridge, \$4,000 for Sheilbourne street; \$8,000 for Suffolk street, and \$7,500 for Dundas street.

The grant to the Royal Jubilee hospital was set at \$15,500, the amount having been agreed upon at a committee meeting yesterday with the finance committee of the hospital board.

FAIL TO DECIDE ON SALARY TO BE PAID

Health Officer's Vote is Subject of Debate; Reference to Committee

The city council in estimates committee last evening failed to reach a conclusion with regard to the salary of the medical health officer, and referred the whole matter to a committee composed of members of the health committee, with the mayor and Alderman Okell, to report back to the next committee meeting.

The reduction of the salary was advocated by Alderman Todd, who believed that \$200 a month should be paid. He thought men in the profession could be found who would be glad to secure the position at the reduced salary, instead of the city paying \$4,000 a year now was the case.

Alderman McCandless, chairman of the health committee, entered into a spirited defense of the doctor's administration of the department, and particularly emphasized the reorganization of the isolation hospital. The doctor would not stand for a cut anything like the figure mentioned, he was certain. He was against any arrangement for part-time services of the doctor.

Alderman Okell, a former chairman of the health committee, spoke in high terms of the doctor's services, and stated that the epidemic of 1892 might have been repeated in 1911 except for the care exercised by the health officer in isolating suspects. The alderman alluded to the milk situation, to the better care of indigent cases at the Jubilee hospital, and other reforms as justification for retaining the salary at the present rate. They could not find a city in Canada with a lower death rate than Victoria.

Alderman Porter was satisfied that the council was getting results, while Alderman Fullerton stated that he was against a return to a part-time official after the experience of past years in Victoria.

Alderman Sargent suggested the course which ultimately was adopted, to have a committee meet the health officer and hear what proposals for the future conduct of the office would be acceptable, and if he desired time to take part in private practice.

Alderman Dilworth took exception to the principle of an official holding two appointments, however well he discharged his public duties. The cleanliness of Victoria to-day, he said, was largely due to the inauguration of the garbage collection service by the sanitary inspector.

Alderman Todd said that whatever service Dr. Hall had rendered, it was impossible to forget that the conditions of 1915 were not those of 1892, when the great epidemic occurred. The streets had since been paved, a good water service secured, sewers installed and other improvements effected.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Presentation Made to Miss MacKenzie, B. A., Teacher of Household Economics

At the closing exercises at the Normal school last Friday the students expressed their regret at the departure of Miss M. E. MacKenzie, B. A., teacher of household economics, who is to be married. The students made her a presentation. Miss MacKenzie expressed sincere regret in relinquishing the work.

There were 147 students last term. Normal diplomas were won by 124, the advanced course being completed by 21 and the preliminary course by 103. The following were the successful students:

Completed the Advanced Course—Misses M. M. Beattie, V. M. Colvert, V. M. Davies, D. E. Durick, E. E. Finland, J. McQ. Gordon, L. A. Grayson, M. C. Harman, M. B. Haste, Rose Jones, C. P. Kinnaird, J. M. E. Middleton, M. K. Morrow, J. L. M. MacNaughton, S. G. Neill, F. M. Penney, G. M. Service, M. Stanton, C. L. Whiteley, E. A. Willis, and R. K. Bell.

Completed the Preliminary Course—Misses O. M. Aird, A. E. Andermarch, J. E. Anderson, L. M. Archibald, C. M. Aubrey, H. S. Battantyne, G. W. Beall, M. R. C. Beattie, M. Bell, H. A. Bradshaw, M. V. Bradshaw, A. M. Brown, M. E. Brown, D. G. Burrell, E. V. Cass, A. J. Chatterton, L. S. Christie, G. L. Clyde, E. M. Collister, B. Crozier, M. Curtis, M. H. Dandy, N. L. Dill, F. E. Duncan, M. E. Dow, M. A. Dunn, E. J. Dunnnett, K. F. Edge, L. M. Edmonson, E. V. Edwards, N. K. Edwards, M. G. Fahrm, E. Feker, E. M. Ferguson, A. Fitzgerald, E. McL. Fleming, M. Fox, J. U. Fraser, J. H. Gordon, H. G. Hammill, M. S. Hardwick, E. L. Hartness, O. M. Harris, J. Hay, G. Henderson, A. B. G. Herd, M. H. Hirst, A. J. Johnson, W. C. Johnson, A. Jussala, S. N. King, M. Lane, M. B. Lehman, E. M. Leigh, E. M. Long, H. L. Marling, W. M. Marquart, M. C. Misener, M. S. McDaniel, H. E. McConnell, M. G. McCormick, E. H. McKell, E. B. McKinney, M. M. McKinnell, M. MacKinnon, T. Nelson, E. B. Nicholson, M. F. Norris, M. E. O'Brien, L. E. Parlett, G. Y. Pauly, R. D. Peto, A. B. C. Post, M. E. J. Reid, N. M. Rigby, W. J. Ross, T. Sampson, E. H. Sargent, H. M. Sargent, A. G. Scott, D. W. Sherwood, E. G. Smith, J. Sutton, L. Terry, C. E. Townsend, W. Watson, H. M. Wheeler, G. E. Williams, A. M. Winkel, H. L. Winterbottom, N. M. C. Yolland, and Messers. C. R. Drader, H. K. Jones, W. D. Murray, C. S. Sivertz, H. G. Sivertz, R. G. Sprinkling, W. C. Stubbs, A. A. Todd, A. L. Wheeler.

The winter session will begin on January 10, 1916. All who contemplate attending for that session are advised that in compliance with regulations, all applications must be received by the principal at least ten days before the opening day. Forms of application and all information regarding qualification, may be obtained by addressing D. L. MacLaurin, principal, Provincial Normal school, Victoria, B. C.

An old lady was watching a man in the bazaar of a donkey on the sand at the seaside. "Is he a good animal?" asked the lady. "Yes, ma'am," responded the driver. "And you treat him well?" "We, lady; I've driven that donkey over five years, and never once struck him a single blow." "Dear me! Such human treatment of dumb animals is worthy of consideration. Here is a shilling for you." "Thank you, lady, very much!" replied the smiling driver. "No, I never strike Neddy. I twist his tail!"

"Now," said a teacher to his class during a lesson in English, "can anyone give me a word ending with 'ous,' meaning full of, as 'dangerous,' full of danger, and 'hazardous,' full of hazard?" There was silence in the class for a moment. Then a boy sitting in the front row put up his hand. "Well," said the teacher, "what is your word?" "Please, sir," came the reply, "pious; full of pie."

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FLOOD CAUSES MUCH INCONVENIENCE HERE**Victoria West Lower Levels Turned Into Ponds; Country Districts Suffer Generally**

The flood caused by the exceptionally wet season is occasioning great anxiety in this district, both inside the city limits, and on the Saanich peninsula. Within the boundaries of the city the most serious difficulty has arisen in Victoria West, in that portion of the area which forms part of Skinner's flats, and which extends from within Esquimalt township between the E. & N. railway to the land sloping south from Craigflower road.

The troubles which the city has had in endeavoring to drain this area and carry off its surplus water have been the subject of debate for years, but this year the flood has anticipated the

George Oliver, who always has been a critic of the city's procrastination in dealing with Victoria West drainage, informs the Times that the whole district, with the exception of the Burleigh area, is suffering to some extent, and that such contingency could have been predicted at any time for years, on account of the natural levels of the area. He says, the engineers always have shown a disposition to procrastinate on this matter when pressed for action.

Many of the fields along the lines of railway in Saanich are under water in some places several feet deep, and valleys like the Heals' rifle range are covered with water. Around Cedar Hill the water is causing much inconvenience, and serious drawbacks to transportation. Oaklands, too, in the lower levels, shows the effect of the heavy downpours.

Bible Students' Lecture.—The subject of the Sunday evening lecture in the Princess theatre will be "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men—When Will it Come?" The lecture will be free and no collection is to be taken.

To Address Meeting.—John H. Humphries, secretary of the Provincial Representation society of London, England, will address a meeting to be held at the residence of Dr. Ernest Hall on Fort street next Monday evening. Anyone interested in the subject is invited to attend.

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decorations are being completed by the Sisters of the hospital and the nurses. Christmas bells, ivy and fir giving a gay and festive aspect to the halls and rooms. As a rule there are very few convalescent patients at the hospital, as when ill people are well enough they are sent home. So the patient will in most instances spend the day in their rooms, where those who have relatives and friends in the city will receive visitors if they are well enough. A special Christmas dinner is to be prepared, and will be shared by the patients.

Nothing, in fact, is to be overlooked that will make the day as happy a one as possible under the circumstances. The usual celebration will take place, and there will be carols and music in the afternoon. There will be an early service in the hospital chapel at 6 o'clock. Rev. Father Vullingsh, the chaplain, to have charge. He will pronounce the benediction in the afternoon also. Patients who are sufficiently strong will be glad to have the special Christmas service to attend.

Old People's Christmas.

There will be a Christmas dinner with all the usual good things for the aged ladies at their home on McClure street. Some of the committee have undertaken to absent themselves from their homes in the midst of all the Christmas morning festivities in order to assist in serving the roast turkey and cranberry sauce, the plum pudding and mince pies, and all the little delicacies that belong to the banquet. The corridors, dining and sitting rooms have been elaborately decorated with evergreens and gay paper streamers for the season, and, as usual, during the afternoon the old ladies will have their special friends to visit them in their own rooms.

Even the little children who have no homes of their own are to have a visit from the jolly old man with the red coat and the frosty white beard. At the Protestant Orphanage to-night all the big family of fifty-four, ranging everywhere from less than two years of age to thirteen summers, will hang up their stockings, and there is no doubt that lots of good things will be found crammed into the leg-hits before morning. To-morrow is to be an exciting day. There will be a motor drive after breakfast, as the Rotary club has very kindly undertaken to send cars up early in the morning. They will have a trip round some of the most interesting and beautiful spots about the city, and, if the weather is good, will wait a little while at Beacon Hill park to have photographs taken as mementos of the occasion.

After the drive they will be delivered safely back at the Orphanage, where dinner will be all ready waiting for them—turkey and plum puddings and mince pies enough to fill every man Jack of them to the brim. In the afternoon—there will be all sorts of games, then supper, and a little romping before bed time.

And after all this merriment there is still something better in store, for the Christmas tree itself is to be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of December 25, from 3 to 6, when members of the committee will be present to see the unloading of the giant fir that is being put up for the occasion. There will be a programme on that occasion, and lot of grown-ups will no doubt be present to see the joy of the small folk when they get their parcels.

Children's Aid.

There are sixteen boys at the Children's Aid, Pembroke street, and they too are hanging up their stockings to-night. Santa usually fills them at this time with doughnuts, raisins, sweets and things of the kind, and the Rotary club is helping Father Christmas in his hurried trip through the city by sending along a few additional things to stick on top. To-morrow all the boys—who have homes will go home for the day, and there will be something nice for the boys who don't.

The real Christmas dinner, however, is to be on Tuesday at 1 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock the same afternoon there will be a Christmas tree. This is an event to which all the lads look forward with great anticipation, as they usually have something more than the part of a mere recipient to play, helping to entertain the older guests who always come with a little programme. And anyone who has attended the Children's Aid entertainments knows how splendidly the boys can sing and recite and drill. Mrs. O. S. Cameron has furnished the Christmas tree, and it should be a sight worth seeing.

Victoria Day Nursery.

Santa Claus must feel very kindly toward the small tots in the Day Nursery, for he sent a special message to say that he had in his bag quite a big packet of gifts for the little people there. So they are looking forward with immense excitement to the hanging of their stockings to-night, and it will be less difficult than usual to wake up to-morrow morning under the stress of the keen inquisitiveness that has already got abroad among the whole fifteen residents, even down to the tiny mites of four years old. What they find in the stockings will keep them engaged the whole of to-morrow morning, no doubt, when they will be quite ready for the Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding that is to be served at 12 o'clock.

Unfortunately most of the mothers are working to-morrow, but there will be few of them unable to attend the Christmas tree that is to be held next Tuesday or Wednesday.

At the Hospitals.

There are sick little children, too, unhappily confined to hospital. But the Daughters of Pity and other kind friends are making all preparation for their care at the Jubilee hospital tomorrow. The children's ward has been particularly thought of, and there the gayest decorations of all are to be found. All the halls and other wards have also been lavishly decorated with evergreens, flowers, berried holly and other symbols of the season. The day will be celebrated appropriately, donations of a very generous character having been sent to the matron. The Women's Auxiliary of the hospital has set a giant Christmas cake, and those who are well enough to enjoy this mark of the festive season will share the delicacy.

Services will be held at the Pemberton Memorial Chapel at 6 and 10 a.m. by Rev. F. H. Patt.

At St. Joseph's Hospital reasonable

RAISE PROTEST ON LOCAL IMPROVEMENT**Front Street Owners Seek Redress in Vain; Duplication of House Services**

A petition asking for relief, signed by 13 ratepayers on Front street, Victoria West, was read to the court of revision on local improvements, at its meeting this morning.

The petition, which was supported by a deputation headed by Richard S. Carroll, pointed out that the work done by the council was inadequate, and that therefore the authority should give a substantial rebate, or provide the facilities to which the owners were entitled.

Great complaint was made by the deputation against the increase in the cost occasioned by the delay in closing up the by-law under which work was carried out in 1912. It is one of these which have been held up in the hope that an opportunity would arise to carry it out in accordance with the terms of the measure.

The court confirmed the levy, the deputation going away distinctly dissatisfied with the result of the interview.

H. E. Beasley appeared to protest against an assessment for connections on Regents' Place, to a residence which was already in existence when the work was carried out, and for which sewer facilities which had already been secured to St. Charles street.

This is one of the numerous cases to which the city engineer has objected on principle, where connections have been put in without the request of residents because the by-law was originally drafted in that way.

Mr. Beasley said he had explained the futility of putting in connections which he could not use to the foreman on the ground, but the work was persisted in. "It is not fair, it is not reasonable, it is not called for," he said. "It is burying dollars under the streets where there is no use for them." He claimed that the engineering department should exercise a reasonable amount of discretion, and that he should not be penalized for the error of the city authorities.

Alderman Todd said the attention of the council should have been called to the matter at the time when the work was being done.

Alderman Bell stated that a thousand similar instances must exist, and it was impossible to re-open the question.

The court confirmed the assessment, and those also on the following streets: Sylvia, Market, Chestnut, Hulton, and Seaview avenue. In the last five cases there was no objection raised.

CANADIAN SCOTTISH

Second Edition is Published of Brochure in Praise of Gallant Soldiers.

A second edition of "The Canadian Scottish," by J. F. Cadenhead, has been published from the office of the Rosemont Press, Aberdeen, Scotland, the demand for the first edition having been so great that it was all sold out.

As its sub-title indicates, the brochure consists of "stray papers by a private" in eulogy of the gallantry of the Scottish regiments from every part of the empire, but especially of those who have gone from the Dominion and of the battalion bearing the name of the Canadian Scottish. In this army from the 50th Gordon Highlanders of Canada, of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, of Vancouver, of the 79th Cameron Highlanders of Canada, of Winnipeg; and of the 91st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, of Hamilton, commanded by Colonel J. Edwards Leckie, D. S. O.

The papers which Private Cadenhead has written in praise of Scotia's brave soldiers were published originally in newspapers in Canada and Scotland, and are here gathered into a booklet which is dedicated to the memory of the lads of the Canadian Scottish killed in action. Brigadier-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., contributes a brief introduction in which he adds his appreciation of the loyalty and the work of the battalion, and warm words of praise for the Canadian Red Cross Society. The sale of the booklet in the four cities from which the battalion was drawn is under the supervision of the commanding officers of the various Scottish corps, and the proceeds are to go to the patriotic fund selected by them.

In Private Cadenhead's admirably written papers and the occasional verse with which they are sprinkled he expresses, as he puts it, "sheer love for my battalion," but with a soldier's generosity he adds a word for the men of other corps. Their titles are "From Canada to Salisbury Plain," "Christmas on Salisbury Plain," "The Night Watch," "With the Transport," "An Impression After the Victory," "Major Markham; an Appreciation" and "Life Outside the Trenches."

Progress Lectures.—At the Progressive Thought Temple, corner Pandora and Bianshard streets, Dr. Butler will speak on Sunday at 11 a.m. on "The Joy Life." At 7.30 p.m. his subject will be "The Christmas Origin; Older Than Jesus," illustrated with lantern views. The public are invited.

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